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ALPHABETICAL LIST  
OF THE  
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OF THE  
F R E E M E N  
OF THE  
CITY OF CHESTER,  
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F O R

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**Erratum.**—After the name of Richard Lewis, northgate-street; baker, (the 2d line of the 16th page) read c.



# An Alphabetical LIST, &c.

## A.

<b>A</b> MERY Thomas, northgate-street, esq. mayor	g	b	
Andrew Thomas, ——— labourer			c
Athton John, barker's-lane, cordwainer			c
Atherton Thomas, martin's-ash, carpenter	g		c
Almark Jos. further northgate-street, turner	g	b	
Axon James, foregate-street, yeoman	g	b	
Axon John, jun. ditto, ditto	g	b	
Athmall George, nuns-lane, woolcomber	g	b	
Aires Thomas, cow-lane, gardener	g	b	
Adams Jacob, handbridge, mason	g	b	
Athmall William, holme-street, cordwainer			c
Andrews William, lower-lane, slater			c
Abbott James, newgate-street, cabinet-maker	g	b	
Avern Thomas, foregate-street, cork-cutter	g	b	
Alcock Robert, bridge-street, whitesmith	g	b	
Aires Samuel, love-lane, gardener	g	b	
Adams Robert, foregate-street, cabinet-maker			c
Axon John, sen. foregate-street, inn-keeper	g	b	
Almond William, bridge-street, butcher	g	b	
Adams Thomas, northgate-street, carpenter	g	b	
Adams John, ditto, ditto	g	b	
Almond Thomas, bridge-street, butcher	g	b	
Astle Edward, foregate-street, tanner	g	b	
Aldersey Daniel, eastgate-street, clothier	g		c
Aldersey Robert, ditto, ditto	g	b	
Alcock James, ditto, taylor	g	b	
Allen Richard, northgate-street, esq.	g	b	
Amery Thomas, jun. ditto, linen-draper	g	b	
Astle Thomas, eastgate street, cabinet-maker	g	b	
Adams Thomas, St. John's church-yard, esq.	g	b	

## B.

Barnett Enoch, martin's-ash, comb-maker	g	b	
Bell John, boughton, gardener	g	b	
Baxter, William, handbridge, fisherman			c
Baxter John, ditto, roper			c
Barnston Roger, watergate-street, esq.			c
Bennett Henry R. eastgate-street, esq.			c
Belward Peter, gorstacks, weaver			c
Barker John, pepper-street, cabinet-maker	g	b	
Brandrett John, john's-street, barber	g	b	

Boyd William, far northgate-street, carpenter			c
Buckley John, olave's-lane, smith,			c
Burrowes Samuel, watergate-street, cooper			c
Bartlem Geo. far northgate-street, carpenter			c
Boden Richard, trinity-lane, slater			c
Baker William, far northgate-street, schoolmaster			c
Barnett Jonathan, cuppin's-lane, comb-maker			c
Buckley Edward, northgate-street, shipwright			c
Briscoe William, crane, mariner			c
Baker Richard, cow-lane, butcher	g	b	
Briggs John, watergate-street, boat-builder	g	b	
Backarn Thomas, cow-lane, butcher			c
Bennion Thomas, john's-street, hatter	g	b	
Baxter Richard, stye lane, skinner			c
Barnett George, northgate-street, comb-maker	g	b	
Bulkeley Thomas, boughton, gardener	g	b	
Brown John, crane-street, taylor	g	b	
Boxley Charles, foregate-street, joiner			c
Boxley John, jun. northgate-street, carpenter			c
Bennion John, northgate-street, cordwainer	g	b	
Boden John, lower-lane, slater			c
Boden William, ditto, ditto			c
Boden Ambrose, ditto, staymaker			c
Bevan William, newgate-street, baker	g	b	
Bennion George, gorslacks, cabinet-maker	g	b	
Bateman Philip, watergate-street, carpenter			c
Bradford James, ditto, baker			c
Brown William, northgate-street, cordwainer			c
Buckley John, parson's-lane, ditto			c
Bailey John, northgate-street, hatter			c
Boden Edward, Whitefryar's-lane, bricklayer			c
Beckett William, love-lane, ditto			c
Boden James, far northgate-street, ditto			c
Butler Samuel, ditto, flour-dealer		b	c
Briscoe Richard, northgate-street, smith	g		c
Bellin William, new-crane, carpenter	g	b	
Broughton Charles, handbridge, blacksmith	g	b	
Boden George, parson's-lane, slater			c
Briscoe John, northgate-street, smith			c
Bannister John, handbridge, victualler	g	b	
Blake Nicholas, ditto, carpenter	g	b	
Bailey William, newgate-street, cooper			c
Barber Arthur, northgate-street, esq.	g	b	
Betteley Jos. parson's-lane, musician	g		c
Betteley Peter, ditto, ditto	g	b	
Brock Thomas, john's-street, brazier	g	b	
Broughton John, handbridge, smith	g	b	
Bartlem William, northgate street, carpenter			c
Ball William, parson's-lane, victualler			c
Bingley Thomas, foregate-street, bricklayer	g	b	

Bowden

Boden Samuel, lower-lane, gardener			c
Baxter George, handbridge, fisherman	g	b	
Boulton William, northgate-street, bricklayer	g	b	
Boulton Nathaniel, ditto, ditto	g	b	
Boden Samuel, lower-lane, slater	g		c
Boswell George, bridge-street, watch maker	g	b	
Bethell Benjamin, eastgate-street, linen-draper			c
Baddiley John, foregate-street, brewer	g	b	
Barlow William, skinner's-lane, skinner	g	b	
Boxley John, foregate-street, carpenter			c
Batho Randle, ditto, tanner	g	b	
Blakemore Edward, crane-street, shipwright			c
Billington Thomas, bridge-street, cooper		b	c
Beckett Jos. foregate-street, gentleman	g	b	
Boden John, parson's lane, plaisterer			c
Bartlem Zacheus, northgate-street, fruiterer	g		c
Backarn Thomas, foregate-street, carpenter	g	b	
Barton John, ditto, weaver	g	b	
Boyle Wm. northgate-street, cordwainer	g	b	
Boden Peter, lower-lane, ditto			c
Barlow Jos. watergate-street, glazier			c
Bateman Edward, goss-lane, cooper			c
Bedward Joseph, pepper street, carpenter	g		c
Brown Thomas, northgate street, watchmaker	g	b	
Bailey Edward, ditto, organist			c
Bulkeley John, bridge street, gent.	g		c
Bartlem Robert, northgate street, slater	g	b	
Blower William, nicholas street, coachman			c
Bailey John, northgate street, organist	g	b	
Bulkeley John, bridge street, wine merchant	g	b	
Brown William, pepper street, cordwainer		bn	c
Badger Isaac, trinity lane, wine-cooper	g		c
Brother Charles, northgate street, cutler	g	b	
Bulkeley George, bridge street, bookfeller	g	b	
Blades Thomas, bough-on, victualler	g	b	
Bailey James, martin's ash, roper	g	b	
Bedward John, St. john's street, joiner	g	b	
Bennion John, northgate street, cordwainer	g	b	
Boulc William, bridge-street, grocer		bn	c
Becket John, clayton lane, baker		bn	c
Bramwell Joseph, trinity lane, cork-cutter	g		c
Brown John, king street, coachmaker		bn	c
Bowers Thomas, eastgate street, linendraper	g	b	
Brittain Robert, bridge-street, woollen-draper	g		c
Bowers Robert, ditto, watchmaker	g		c
Bennet John, jun. watergate street, wine merchant	g	b	
Bather James, lower lane, broker		bn	c
Ball John Longford, martin's-in-the-fields, esq.		bn	c
Broadhurst Starkey, abbey court, merchant		bn	c
Brown John, bridge street, druggist		bn	c

Backarn



Backarn James, king street, peruke-maker	g	b
Baxter William, john's street, grocer	g	b
Bullock Samuel, foregate street, carpenter	g	b
Butler John, eastgate street, cutler	g	b
Barth Jonathan, ditto, victualler	g	b
Bennion Thomas, foregate-street, chandler	g	b
Bingley William, ditto, grocer,	g	b
Bingley George, ditto, ditto	g	b
Bellin Ralph, eastgate-street, grocer	g	b
Barnes Samuel, watergate-street, plumber	g	b
Brassey Benjamin, eastgate-street, linen-draper	g	b
Bennett Christopher, bridge street, barber	g	b
Bakewell John, northgate street, druggist	g	b
Butler James, eastgate street, cutler	g	b
Bramwell John, john's street, gent.	g	b
Broster Peter, northgate street, bookfeller	g	b
Bromfield Samuel, bridge street, hardwareman	g	b
Brown William, king street, coachmaker	g	b
Boswell Charles, northgate street, alderman	g	b
Burrowes Edward, Roodce, ditto	g	b
Bingley George, john's street, glazier	g	b
Brock Thomas, watergate street, mace bearer	g	b
Brodhurst James, bridge street, alderman	g	b
Bennett John, watergate street, wine merchant	g	b
Barnes Thomas, new crane street, plumber	g	b
Bartlem Robert, john's street, ditto	g	c
Bennett Thomas, watergate street, wine merchant	g	b
Belward John, bridge street, victualler	g	b
Brock Thomas, foregate street, esq.	g	b
C.		
Crofts Joseph, boughton, cordwainer	g	b
Crofts Richard, ditto, bricklayer		b
Challener Robert, love-lane, rope-maker	g	b
Clinging James, northgate-street, victualler	g	b
Conway Thomas, further-northgate-street, plaisterer		c
Cole William, ditto, carpenter		c
Corna William, foregate-street, slater		c
Carter Seston, love-lane, tobacconist		c
Coleclough Daniel, watergate-street, horse-tender		c
Cope Edward, eastgate-street, felt-maker		c
Catherall Samuel, northgate-street, barber	g	b
Cappur Peter, gors-stacks, slater	g	b
Connelly Matthew, handbridge, baker	g	b
Carter Joseph, love-lane, cordwainer	g	b
Coleclough Jonathan, further northgate-street slater		c
Coy William, northgate-street, mason		c
Carter Robert, nicholas-street, cordwainer	g	b
Crosby William, cow-lane, ditto		c
Crosby Joseph, bridge-street, ditto		c
Coleclough Samuel, foregate-street, comb-maker	g	b

Cotgreave Ralph, nuns-lane, cordwainer			c
Crosby John, bridge-street, ditto			c
Cappur Peter, martin's-ash, turner	g	b	
Chevers Charles, cow-lane, butcher	g	b	
Cookes Ralph, john's-street, carpenter			c
Crosby Joseph, lower bridge-street, cordwainer			c
Cooper George, crane-street, boat-builder			c
Collins John, bunt's lane, glazier	g	b	
Cooper Michael, crane-street, boat-builder			c
Cooper John, ditto, ditto			c
Cappur William, olave's-lane, carpenter	g	b	
Cotgreave Charles, martin's-ash, cordwainer			c
Cowdock Richard, parson's-lane, musician			c
Cowdock John, further northgate-street, smith			c
Coy Samuel, northgate-street, taylor			c
Coy Thomas, ditto, cutler			c
Coleclough John, handbridge, carpenter	g	b	
Crosby William, ditto, cordwainer	g	b	
Chevers Edward, eastgate-street, butcher	g	b	
Chevers Charles, ditto, ditto	g	b	
Carr John, love-lane, pipe-maker			c
Carter John, ditto, labourer	g	b	
Coleclough Joseph, foregate-street, carpenter	g	b	
Coleclough Peter, ditto, slater			c
Coleclough Joseph, handbridge, carpenter	g	b	
Cooper Michael, crane, boat-builder	g	b	
Coppock Richard, bridge-street, slater			c
Cooper Joseph, werburgh's-lane, wheelwright	g		c
Cummins Joshua, castle-street, flax-dresser	g	b	
Carter Joseph, foregate-street, cordwainer	g	b	
Carter Benjamin, love-lane, ditto	g	b	
Cross William, northgate-street, taylor	g	b	
Cotgreave John, handbridge, gentleman	g	b	
Collins Humphrey, bridge-street, hair-dresser	g	b	
Cawley Robert, weaver's-lane, watch-maker	g		c
Crane Thomas, foregate-street, grocer			c
Croughton John, bridge-street, tanner			c
Cowdock Charles, northgate-street, smith	g		c
Crane the rev. Thomas, bridge-street, clerk	g	b	
Crane Joseph, foregate-street, grocer		bn	c
Chevers Philip, cow-lane, butcher	g	b	
Clubbe Benjamin, northgate-street, grocer	g		c
Cafe Richard, watergate-street, baker	g	b	
Chamberlaine Richard, paradise-street, gentleman		bn	c
Chamberlaine John, ditto, merchant	g		c
Chevers Richard, cowlane, butcher	g	b	
Carter Peter, northgate-street, cordwainer	g	b	
Clubbe Henry, bridge-street, gentleman	g	b	
Cooke John, john's-street, cabinet-maker	g	b	
Crane John, werburgh's-lane, gentleman	g	b	

Clutton

Clutton James, bridge-street, grocer	g	b	
Coulton Samuel, northgate-street, baker	g		c
Crewe Joseph, ditto, alderman	g	b	
Cowdroy William, nine-houses, printer	g	b	
Clarke John, nuns-lane, shoe-maker			c
Cotgreave Thomas, john's-street, esquire	g	b	
Clayton Thomas, northgate-street, innkeeper	g	b	
D.			
Darlington Thomas, foregate street, bricklayer	g	b	
Davies John, love lane, pipe-maker	g	b	
Davies William, foregate street, corkcutter			c
Duke Bartholomew, linen hall street, cabinet maker	g	b	
Davies Thomas, werburgh's-lane, cooper			c
Dennis Samuel, linen hall street, mason	g	b	
Davies Thomas, further northgate street, cordwainer			c
Davies Thomas, foregate street, tanner	g	b	
Dannitt William, gorsestacks, cordwainer	g	b	
Davenport John, nine houses, upholsterer	g	b	
Davenport Richard, newgate-street, printer	g	b	
Dutton Henry, nuns'-lane, slater	g	b	
Davies John, roodee, carpenter	g	b	
Davies Edward, handbridge, bricklayer	g	b	
Davies Benjamin, ditto, ditto	g	b	
Darlington William, queen-street, joiner			c
Davies William, further northgate street, carpenter			c
Dickens Jos. handbridge, fisherman	g	b	
Dickson Thomas foregate-street, glazier			c
Davies John, handbridge, cordwainer	g	b	
Dimela George, northgate street, cheesemonger			c
Davies Peter, ditto, victualler			c
Dutton Charles, bridge-street, linen-draper	g		c
Dickens John, handbridge, carpenter	g	b	
Davies John, northgate-street, victualler	g	b	
Dean Richard, newgate street, hatter	g	b	
Dykes John, new crane, skinner			c
Davies Thomas, bridge street, ditto			c
Davies Anderson, crane street, brazier	g		c
Dutton Jacob, cowlane, butcher			c
Dutton Thomas, ditto, ditto			c
Dutton Richard, ditto, ditto			c
Dawson Perry, castle street, wet-glover			c
Duke Thomas, bridge street, ditto	g		c
Davies Ambrose, martin's ash, victualler	g	b	
Davies John, gorsestacks, butcher	g	b	
Denson Richard, bridge street, currier	g	b	
Doland Thomas, roodee, cordwainer	g	b	
Dicas Thomas, bridge street, hardwareman	g	b	
Dean Thomas, ditto, tinman	g		c
Dickson John, white friars, merchant's clerk			c



Denton Alexander, shipgate street, esquire	g	b	
Davies Thomas, gorsestacks, butcher	g	b	
Davies John, eastgate street, perfumer	g		c
Duke Richard, lower bridge street, schoolmaster	g		c
Davies Samuel, canal bridge, butcher	g	b	
Davies Wm. newgate street, whitesmith and glazier	g	b	
Dixon James, eastgate street, silversmith	g		c
Dennill John, abbey court, gent.		b	
Dewsbury Nathaniel, northgate street, hatter	g	b	
Dicas Charles, bridge-street, chandler	g	b	
Davies Robert, bridge-street, fadler	g	b	
Duke Joseph, pepper street, silversmith	g	b	
Dicas William, bridge street, gentleman	g	b	
Davison Andrew, ditto, wine merchant	g	b	
Dyson John, watergate street, druggist	g	b	
E.			
Ellson James, nine-houses, cork-cutter			c
Ellis Richard, love-lane, cordwainer			c
Edwards John, goss-lane, taylor			c
Edwards Richard, northgate-st. thread-manufacturer	g	b	
Evans Gabriel, love-lane, pipe-maker			c
Edwards George, foregate-street, cordwainer	g	b	
Evans Thomas, parson's-lane, bricklayer			c
Edmunds John, watergate-street, yeoman	g	b	
Ellis Griffith, handbridge, carpenter	g	b	
Ellis John, olave's-lane, cordwainer			c
Evans John, handbridge, bricklayer	g	b	
Evans Robert, love-lane, pipe-maker	g	b	
Edge John, handbridge, taylor	g	b	
Edge John, ditto, rope-maker	g	b	
Edwards John, northgate-street, carpenter			c
Evans David, handbridge, ditto	g	b	
Edge Thomas, ditto, rope-maker	g	b	
Edson John, bridge-street, skinner			c
Evans Edward, ditto, victualler	g	b	
Edwards Thomas, foregate-street, yeoman			c
English Gilbert, goss-lane, cordwainer	g	b	
Evans Thomas, handbridge, farmer	g	b	
Ellis John, northgate-street, vintner			c
Edwards Thomas, eastgate-street, hatter	g	b	
Eltoft John, ditto, toyman	g		c
Eddowes Ralph, foregate-street, tobacconist		bn	c
Edwards Jeffery, watergate-street, broker		bn	c
Evans Thomas, ditto, druggist	g	b	
Evans Vincent, northgate-street, innholder	g	b	
Edwards Thomas, ditto, grocer	g	b	
Edwards William, bridge-street, ditto	g	b	
Ellames Pattison, watergate-street, alderman	g	b	
F.			
French William, love-lane, pipemaker			c

Fleming

Fleming John, martin's-in-the-fields, rope-maker			c
Faulknor Simon, boughton, baker	g		
Forrester Henry, bridge-street, cordwainer	g	b	
Fitzgerald Joseph, love-lane, pipe-maker	g	b	
Frith William, parson's-lane, cordwainer	g	b	
Fitzgerald James, love-lane, pipemaker			c
Fletcher Robert, linen-hall-street, cordwainer	g	b	
Fothergill George, newgate-street, cabinet-maker	g		c
Foulkes Joseph, bridge-street, shipwright			c
Frodsham John, northgate-street, perfumer	g		c
Formstone John, newgate-street, cabinet maker	g	b	
Forrest Alexander, boughton, victualler	g	b	
Fox John, cow-lane, butcher			c
Fearnal Robert, boughton, ditto			c
Fairclough Thomas, cow-lane, victualler	g	b	
Flint Gilbert, gorstacks, cordwainer	g	b	
Finchett Thomas, newgate-street, glover	g	b	
Finchett John, eastgate-street, gentleman		b	c
Finney Benjamin, foregate-street, cordwainer	g	b	
Furber Jonathan, northgate-street, victualler	g	b	
Falconer Thomas, john's-street, esquire	g	b	
Forrester John, bowling-green, hatter	g		c
Francis William, goss-lane, gentleman	g	b	
French George, eastgate-street, ditto	g	b	
Francis Charles, flookersbrook, woollen-draper	g	b	
Finchett John, john's-street, gentleman	g	b	
G.			
Griffith William, cow-lane, butcher	g	b	
Griffith Richard, nuns-lane, cordwainer	g	b	
Gregg William, northgate-street, ditto	g	b	
Getley George, bridge-street, plaisterer	g	b	
Gregg Richard, parson's-lane, coachman	g	b	
Gregg Robert, cow-lane, gardener			c
Gwinneeth John, lower-lane, cordwainer		bo	
Gibson Michael, ditto, ditto,			c
Gregory George, crane-street, baker			c
Griffith John, crook's-lane, carpenter	g	b	
Gibson William, queen-street, bricklayer			c
Griffith John, crane-street, mariner			c
Gough Joseph, handbridge, smith	g	b	
Gother Lawrence, queen-street, taylor	g	b	
Griffith John, bridge-street, joiner	g	b	
Gibson William, handbridge, bricklayer	g	b	
Goofry John, watergate-street, cooper	g		c
Grice Joseph, handbridge, bricklayer	g	b	
Gill John, ditto, farrier	g	b	
Gill Charles, ditto, blacksmith	g	b	
Griffith George, bridge-street, glazier			c
Gaven Luke, cow-lane, gentleman			c
Golding William, barker's-lane, carpenter			c
Golding			





Hughes David, foregate street, tailor			c
Harrison Thomas, clayton lane, tobacconist			c
Hoy Edward, crook's lane, ditto			c
Harris Wm. crane street, mariner			c
Hall William, nuns' lane, cordwainer	g	b	
Harrison Joseph, lower lane, ditto			c
Hall William, cow-lane, ditto			c
Harrison Thomas, handbridge, ditto			c
Hewitt John, parsons' lane, ditto			c
Hiccock Geo. nuns' lane, ditto	g	b	
Handley George, lower lane, tailor	g	b	
Harrison William, nicholas street, cordwainer	g	b	
Hatton Thomas, further northgate street, ditto			c
Hubbert James, crane street, mariner			c
Hankey Robert, foregate street, cabinet maker	g	b	
Hawkins Simon, ditto, victualler	g	b	
Higginson Jos. bridge street, cordwainer	g	b	
Hodkinson Thomas, further northgate street, weaver			c
Handley William, lower lane, tailor	g		c
Hinds Charles, love lane, cork-cutter			c
Harvey Thomas, castle lane, carpenter	g	b	
Harrison William, olave's lane, ditto	g	b	
Hancock John, at the cross, tailor	g	b	
Herbert Daniel, clayton lane, cordwainer			c
Hancock Thomas, cowlane, ditto			c
Hampton James, foregate street, ditto			c
Hughes William, handbridge, bricklayer	g	b	
Hall William, parson's lane, cordwainer			c
Hewitt Henry, castle lane, ditto			c
Hitchins Thomas, parson's lane, corkcutter			c
Harrison John, handbridge, ropemaker	g	b	
Higginson Robert, parson's lane, innholder	g	b	
Haswell Charles, watergate street, cordwainer	g	b	
Higginson Robert, jun. parson's lane, watchmaker	g	b	
Hawkins James, sen. eastgate street, upholsterer			c
Hawkins Edward, ditto, ditto			c
Hawkins James, jun. ditto, ditto			c
Hawkins Richard, common hall lane, cabinet-maker			c
Hayes Richard, handbridge, breeches-maker	g	b	
Hickson William, foregate street, slater			c
Hand Jos. ditto ditto			c
Hollinshead John, gorsacks, mason			c
Hughes James, handbridge, gardener	g	b	
Hughes John, gorsacks, bricklayer	g	b	
Harding Geo. handbridge, yeoman	g	b	
Harrison John, lovelane, carpenter	g	b	
Hampton Peter, foregate street, printer			c
Holland William, newgate street, carpenter			c
Heath William, cowlane, cordwainer			c
Hayes John, bridge street, breechesmaker	g	b	



J.

Jones Bradford, northgate-street, rope-maker	g	b	c
Joynson Samuel, clayton-lane, cordwainer			c
Jones John, cuppin's-lane, ditto			c
Jones Richard, love-lane, pipe-maker	g	b	
Jennings Thomas, lower-lane, cordwainer			c
Jones Robert, bridge-street, brazier	g	b	
Jones Daniel, parson's-lane, slater			c
Jones John, further northgate-street, wheelwright	g		c
Jones Humphrey, parson's-lane, bricklayer	g	b	
Johnson John, love-lane, ditto			c
Jones John, northgate-street, last-maker			c
Jones Benjamin, northgate-street, bricklayer			c
Jones Thomas, clayton-lane, heel-maker			c
Jackson John, handbridge, carpenter	g	b	
Jones John, foregate-street, barber			c
Jones John, cuppin's-lane, comb-maker	g	b	
Jackson Thomas, john's-street, carpenter	g	b	
Jones Benjamin, jun. parson's-lane, slater			c
Jones John, handbridge, farmer	g	b	
Ingham John, nine-houses, slater	g	b	
Jordan Charles, bridge-street, carpenter	g	b	
Johnson John, northgate-street, cordwainer			c
Jackson Charles, handbridge, yeoman	g	b	
Jones Robert, eastgate street, cordwainer	g		c
Jones John, nicholas-street, stay-maker	g		c
Jones Edward, northgate-street, brush-maker	g		c
Jackson George, white-fryar's-lane, coalmerchant			c
Jones Thomas, bridge-street, hatter	g	b	
Jones Edward, cow-lane, blacksmith	g		c
Jones Joshua, pepper-street, taylor	g		c
Jones Richard, love-lane, pipe-maker	g	b	
Joynson Charles, watergate-street, taylor			c
Jordan Gerard, shipgate-street, slater	g	b	
Jackson Peter, crane-street, shipwright			c
Jackson Richard, ditto, ditto			c
Jackson Richard, northgate-street, baker			c
Jones Edward, gorstacks, butcher	g	b	
Jones Robert, bridge-street, innkeeper			c
Jones Timothy, foregate-street, cordwainer	g	b	
Jackson Ralph, crook's-lane, yeoman			c
Jackson William, ditto, smith			c
Johnson Thomas, nine-houses, flax-dresser	g	b	
Jones Edward, bridge-street, barber	g	b	
Jones Robert, john's-street, mason		b	c
Jones James, watergate-street, cordwainer	g		c
Jones William, nicholas-street, ditto			c
Jones Hugh, crane-street, sail-maker			c
Johnson Robert, cuppin's-lane, baker	g	b	
Johnson George, northgate-street, cabinet-maker	g	b	

Jones



Jones Thomas, cow-lane, baker	g		c
Jones John, ditto, currier	g		c
Jones John, bridge-street, hardware-man	g	b	
Jackson Thomas, eastgate-street, innkeeper	g		c
Jones Thomas, nine-houfes, cordwainer	g	b	
Jones William, ditto, stay-maker	g	b	
Jones John, nicholas-street, glazier	g		c
Jones John, john's-street, bricklayer	g		c
Johnson George, newgate-street, surgeon	g		c
Jones Thomas, foregate-street, cordwainer	g	b	
Joynson John, pepper-street, cooper	g	b	
Jones Hugh, crane-street, broker	g		c
Jones Owen, eastgate street, flax-dresser	g	b	
Jones John, crane-street, broker		bn	c
Jones Richard, bridge-street, linen-draper	g		c
Jones Jos. foregate-street, victualler	g	b	
Jenkins Thomas, ditto, tanner	g	b	
Jordan Benjamin, nuns-lane, peruke-maker	g	b	
Jellico Thomas, eastgate-street, cordwainer	g	b	
Jordan Joseph, holme-street, slater	g	b	
Jones Thomas, crook's-lane, innholder	g	b	
Jordan James, bridge-street, peruke-maker	g	b	
Ireland John, foregate-street, brewer	g	b	
Jones Thomas, bridge-street, grocer	g	b	
Johnson the rev. Jonathan, abbey-court, clerk	g	b	
Jackson James, eastgate-street, taylor	g	b	
Jones Thomas, bridge-street, cutler	g	b	
Jones Rowland, goss-lane, fadler	g	b	
Johnson John, bridge-street, gentleman	g	b	
James John, northgate-street, hosier	g	b	
K.			
Kelfall Samuel, foregate-street, cordwainer	g	b	
Kent Thomas, lower-lane, coachman			c
Kelley Edward, northgate-street, brewer	g	b	
Kelley Thomas, ditto, cordwainer			c
Kenrick John, ditto, ditto			c
Kinnafton James, gorsacks, labourer			c
Kent William, lower-lane, cordwainer	g	b	
Kenrick William, handbridge, yeoman	g	b	
Kelley Thomas, crane-street, weaver	g	b	
Kelley John, king-street, taylor			c
Kirkham Thomas, love-lane, pipe-maker	g	b	
Kent James, watergate-street, hair-dresser	g	b	
Kenrick John, bridge-street, grocer		bn	c
L.			
Leeke Richard, love-lane, bricklayer	g	b	
Lewis Thomas, ditto, pipemaker	g	b	
Lewis John, watergate street, bricklayer			c
Leadbeater William, foregate-street, mason			c
Lloyd John, lower lane, carpenter			c
			Lloyd

Lloyd Thomas, foregate street, slater	g	b	
Lewis Richard, northgate street, baker			
Lewis William, handbridge, ship carpenter	g	b	
Leeke William, boughton, sawyer	g	b	
Laurence John, king's street, cordwainer			c
Lloyd Robert, handbridge, carpenter	g	b	
Leech John, ditto, mason	g	b	
Lawrenson John, foregate street, butcher			c
Linsdale John, handbridge, button-maker			c
Lowe Geo. john's street, baker		b	
Lloyd John, handbridge, mason	g	b	
Linsdale Richard, lovelane, button-maker			c
Lloyd Geo. handbridge, victualler	g	b	
Lloyd John, nine-houses, carpenter	g	b	
Ley Randle, watergate street, cooper	g	b	
Lewis Edward, foregate street, tanner			c
Lockley John, ditto, butcher	g	b	
Lewis Thomas, northgate street, victualler	g	b	
Litler John, watergate street, brazier			c
Leatherbarrow John, parson's lane, tinman	g		c
Linney Thomas, northgate street, cordwainer	g		c
Lake Francis, watergate street, victualler			c
Lancaster William, northgate street, hair-dresser			c
Lumber James, eastgate street, watchmaker	g		c
Langford Thomas, foregate street, baker	g		c
Lea Samuel, barrel-well, dyer	g		c
Lowe Ralph, eastgate street, baker			c
Lawrenson Lawrence, coppin's lane, combmaker	g	b	
Langshaw Roger, northgate street, linen-draper	g		c
Leech Joseph, bridge street, victualler	g		c
Linney William, northgate street, cordwainer	g	b	
Larden John, bridge street, woollen-draper	g	b	
Lloyd Owen, foregate street, staymaker	g	b	
Lloyd Edward, parson's lane, victualler	g	b	
Lewthwaite John, crane street, anchor-smith	g		c
Lindsey Geo. ditto, coal merchant	g	b	
Lawton John, bridge-street, alderman	g	b	
M.			
Meakin Richard, foregate-street, cordwainer	g	b	
Meakin James, love-lane, ditto	g	b	
Meakin John, ditto, slater	g	b	
Maddock Edward, foregate-street, butcher	g	b	
Morris Thomas, ditto, cork-cutter			c
Moffet William, northgate-street, coach-maker			c
Meakin Randle, love-lane, pipe-maker			c
Manuel John, watergate-street, barber			c
M'Donald Charles, newgate, cordwainer			c
Meakin Thomas, boughton, pipe-maker			c
M'Canns Charles, newgate-street, cabinet-maker			c
Meredith John, foregate-street, blue-maker	g	b	

Murphy

Murphy Matthew, handbridge, butcher	g	b	
Mullineux Thomas, boughton, cordwainer			c
Mellor John, ditto, tanner			c
Maddock Robert, ditto, cordwainer			c
Maddock Henry, nine-houses, slater	g	b	
Massey Henry, newgate-street, watch-maker			c
Moss John, bridge-street, cordwainer	g	b	
Mesham Francis, sen. parson's-lane, victualler			c
Miller James, love-lane, tobacconist			c
Meredith Ralph, barker's-lane, breeches-maker			c
Meacock Peter, john's-street, taylor	g	b	
M'Heabe George, castle-street, cordwainer			c
Moftyn Joseph, parson's-lane, cordwainer	g	b	
Meakin James, love-lane, pipe-maker			c
M'Geary John, barker's-lane, labourer	g	b	
Meredith Peter, ditto, bone-cutter	g	b	
Martin Charles, trinity-lane, cordwainer			c
Manuel John, ditto, carpenter	g	b	
Moulton Robert, lower-lane, cordwainer	g		c
Morgan John, handbridge, victualler	g	b	
M'Millan Hugh, foregate-street, linen-draper			c
Moore Theodorus, watergate-street, cooper			c
Miller Moses, common-hall-lane, baker	g	b	
Moores Joseph, handbridge, cordwainer	g	b	
Maddock Robert, lower-lane, cork-cutter	g	b	
Maddock Jonadab further northgate-street, attorney			c
Mort John, foregate-street, taylor	g	b	
Moreland Edward, olave's-lane, skinner			c
Mason Allen, foregate-street, baker	g		c
Maddock Joseph, boughton, cork-cutter	g	b	
Morris John, holme-street, glover	g	b	
Mercer Samuel, nine-houses, cabinet-maker	g	b	
Martin David, bridge-street, hair-dresser	g	b	
Maddock Thomas, foregate-street, slater	g	b	
Manning Thomas, northgate-street, sadler			c
Meacock Thomas, bridge-street, druggist			c
Morris Edward, ditto, cordwainer	g	b	
Moulson Thomas, eastgate-street, tobacconist			c
Massey William, eastgate-street, gentleman			c
Maddock Robert, ditto, cork-cutter	g		c
Moulson Edward, newgate-street, gentleman			c
Meredith William, eastgate-street, gunsmith			c
Minshul John, bridge-street, chandler	g	b	
Mainwaring John, ditto, innholder	g	b	
Meredith John, St. Martin's, bricklayer		bn	c
Massey John, white-fryar's-lane, baker	g	b	
Marsden Thomas, watergate-street, esquire	g	b	
Massey the rev. William, john's church-yard, clerk	g	b	
Massey Thomas, abbey-court, esquire	g	b	
Moulton Samuel, white-fryars, gentleman		b	c



Millington John, watergate-street, hair-dresser  
Merrick Robert, king-street, sword-bearer  
Miller Aaron, eastgate-street, gentleman  
Monk John, newgate-street, printer  
Meacock John, bridge-street, linen draper.

N.

Nield Samuel, northgate street, dyer  
Nailor James, handbridge, staymaker  
Nailor Thomas, northgate street, carpenter  
Nicholls Samuel, cowlane, butcher  
Nicholls Samuel, ditto, cordwainer  
Norbury John, newgate street, cabinet-maker  
Nailor Peter, nine-houses, blacksmith  
Nicholls John, watergate street, fishmonger  
Nicholas John, northgate street, barber  
Newell James, parson's lane, ditto  
Nicholls Thomas, foregate street, tanner  
Nicholson John, northgate street, carrier  
Nelson Wm. the Rev. newgate street, clerk  
Nicholls John, watergate street, grocer  
Nicholls Wm. ditto. ditto  
Newell Robert, bridge-street, skinner  
Newell John, ditto, innholder

**Q.**

Orford Jonathan, northgate street, sadler  
 Odier John, foregate street, pipemaker  
 Owen Christopher, watergate street, mason  
 Odier Jos. foregate street, tinman  
 Ollerhead Timothy, john's street, joiner  
 Owens Robert, crook's lane, glazier  
 Oldham John, bunt's lane, cordwainer  
 Orme Richard, foregate street, tailor  
 Owens George, cow-lane, butcher  
 Oldham Robert, bridge street, grocer  
 Orme Roger, eastgate street, sadler

P.

Parry Thomas, barker's lane, gardener  
 Parry George, nuns' lane, ropemaker  
 Pemberton Samuel, roodee, weaver  
 Probert James, John's-street, victualler  
 Pritchard Joseph, clayton-lane, pumpborer  
 Paoton William, foregate-street, tanner  
 Price James, cow-lane, butcher  
 Powell Edward, martin's-ash, glover  
 Parry Robert, martin's-in-the-fields, carpenter  
 Posnett Ben. watergate-street, hatter  
 Posnett William, newgate-street, ditto  
 Phillips Thomas, barker's-lane, pipemaker  
 Pinnington James, gorslacks, cordwainer  
 Pownall Thomas, goss-lane, ditto

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## Prestbury

Prestbury Philip, bridge-street, flaxdresser			c
Panton Thomas, foregate-street, tanner	g	b	
Prestbury John, handbridge, fisherman	g	b	
Parry Charles, barker's-lane, tailor			c
Pemberton William, handbridge, flaxdresser	g	b	
Pinnington Thomas, foregate-street, innholder			c
Palin James, ditto, lace-weaver			c
Powell Charles, love-lane, pipemaker	g	b	
Peers James, handbridge, cabinet-maker			c
Parry James, barker's-lane, cork-cutter	g	b	
Peers John, bridge-street, tailor			c
Price Alban, gorstacks, gent.	g	b	
Pritchard Richard, cuppin's-lane, joiner			c
Palin William, northgate-street, cutler	g	b	
Peers Benj. bridge-street, clockmaker	g	b	
Parry Francis, foregate-street, baker	g		c
Percivall James, commonhall-lane, baker	g	b	
Palin Thomas, foregate-street, clerk of St. John's	g	b	
Pickering James, northgate-street, sadler	g		c
Pickford John, barker's-lane, bricklayer	g	b	
Peers John, foregate-street, victualler	g	b	
Powell Edward, watergate-street, joiner	g	b	
Prestbury William, bridge street, skinner			c
Parry John, northgate street, smith	g	b	
Page William, werburgh's-lane, linendraper			c
Patton Thomas, foregate street, esquire	g	b	
Prince Hugh, bridge street, cordwainer	g	b	
Posnett John, eastgate street, cheesemonger	g	b	
Pratchitt John, bridge street, hosier	g		c
Price Robert, cow-lane, butcher	g	b	
Poole Thomas, newgate street, baker	g	b	
Price Robert, jun. cowlane, butcher	g	b	
Pemberton William, eastgate street, silversmith		bn	c
Pool John, ditto, stationer		bn	c
Povar Edward, bridge street, wetglover	g	b	
Pate Lloyd, cowlane, butcher	g	b	
Pate Thomas, nun's lane, ditto	g	b	
Pickance Daniel, foregate street, wine-merchant	g	b	
Price, the Rev. John, whitefryars, clerk	g	b	
Pickmore Thomas, ditto, staymaker	g	b	
Palin John, cowlane, butcher	g	b	
Platt Edward, bridge street, gent.	g	b	
Parry Samuel, northgate street, grocer	g	b	
Panton Charles, foregate street, gent.	g	b	
Pate John, werburgh's lane, upholsterer	g	b	
Penson Thomas, roodee, builder	g	b	
Prestbury Philip, bridge street, cabinet maker		bn	c
Pemberton Benjamin, eastgate street, silversmith	g		c
Pemberton Henry, whitefryars, esq.	g	b	
Paul John, northgate street, innholder	g	b	

Powell Thomas, eastgate-street, upholsterer	g	b	
Price Charles, clayton lane, taylor	g	b	
Probert Corton, eastgate street, hatter	g	b	
R,			
Roach William, further northgate-st. patten-maker			c
Randles William, newgate street, carpenter			c
Roberts Thomas, northgate street, cabinet-maker			c
Roberts David, lower lane, shipwright	g	b	
Revington William, bridge street, carpenter	g	b	
Rowland John, weaver's lane, tobacconist			c
Revington William, lower bridge street, cordwainer	g	b	
Rathbone Tho. Bridge street, turner	g	b	
Robinson William, foregate street, bricklayer	g	b	
Ramsay John, bridge-street, barber			c
Ratcliffe William, baker's lane, corkcutter			c
Rowland Charles clayton-lane, slater			c
Rollance Joseph, ditto bricklayer,	g	b	
Reppinton Edward, abbey-square, cordwainer	g		c
Ratcliffe John, foregate-street, ditto	g	b	
Ratcliffe William, ditto, ditto	g	b	
Reece George, Handbridge, Roper	g	b	
Roylance Joseph, linenhall-street, baker	g	b	
Rathbone John, nun's-lane, turner	g	b	
Richardson George, bridge street, butcher			c
Rogers John, crane-street, mariner			c
Richardson Edward, bridge-street, victualler			c
Ratcliffe John, St. john's-street, watch-maker	g	b	
Read William, foregate-street, printer			c
Roberts William, bridge-street, carpenter	g		c
Rider Richard, boughton pipe-maker	g		c
Roberts Thomas, bridge-street, skinner			c
Ruffell John, foregate-street, barber	g	b	
Rawlinson William, ditto, cordwainer	g	b	
Rendles Richard, clayton-lane, skinner	g	b	
Rowe Hugh, jun. bridge-street, butcher			c
Ralphs Joseph, cow-lane, ditto			c
Rathbone Thomas, sen. crane-street, carpenter	g		c
Ratcliffe William, handbridge, gent.	g	b	
Ratcliffe Joseph, coppins-lane, flaxdresser	g	b	
Rogers John, boughton, farmer	g	b	
Rathbone William, eastgate-street, cordwainer	g		c
Reece Samuel, bridge-street, baker	g	b	
Ridgway John, shipgate-street, malster	g	b	
Rathbone James, handbridge, cordwainer	g	b	
Robinson Samuel, newgate-street, baker	g	b	
Rogers William, foregate-street, butcher	g	b	
Reece John, handbridge, roper	g	b	
Roberts Ellis, queen-street, baker	g	b	
Rowe Hugh, cow-lane, butcher	g	b	
Roberts Thomas, bridge-street, sugar-baker		b	c

Robinson



Robinson Robert, newgate-street, baker	g	b
Roden Thomas, St. John's church-yard, joiner	g	b
Read Bagot, bridge-street, esq.	g	b
Rowland Edward, eastgate-street, mason	g	b
Richards Thomas, foregate-street, maltster	g	b
Richards William, ditto, gent.	g	b
Rathbone Thomas, jun. crane-street, Carpenter	g	b
Richardson Richard, eastgate-street, silver-smith	g	b
Rogers George, Martin's-ale, gardener	g	b
S.		
Steward James, foregate-street, taylor	g	b
Steens James, Olave's-lane, rope-maker	g	b
Scully John, bridge-street, shoe-maker		
Starkey William, further northgate-street, taylor		
Smith William, northgate-street, glass-grinder	g	b
Steward John, foregate-street, taylor	g	b
Smathers Jeremiah, northgate-street, tobacco-nift		
Smathers William, cow-lane, butcher	g	b
Stones William, watergate-street, currier		
Stout Joseph, northgate-street, slater	g	b
Skeleton Thomas, ditto, cordwainer	g	b
Shone Roger, Cuppin's-lane, painter	g	b
Stanton William, eastgate-street, tobacco-nift		
Shone Thomas, foregate-street, plasterer		
Starkey Thomas, lower-lane, cordwainer		
Sands Hugh, foregate-street, slater		
Sharp John, love-lane, pipe-maker	g	b
Sumpter James, nuns-lane, mariner	g	b
Smith George, Olave's-lane, flax-dresser	g	b
Stout John, further northgate-street, labourer		
Smith George, parson's-lane, smith	g	b
Smith John, bridge-street, stay-maker	g	b
Spence John, northgate street, turner		
Starkey Joseph, trinity lane, staymaker		
Spence William, northgate street, cordwainer		
Shepherd William, barker's lane, taylor		
Shepherd Thomas, John's street, ditto		
Stout William, dee lane, slater		
Spence Thomas, abbey square, barber	g	b
Shannon George, eastgate street, cordwainer		
Shone Thomas, gorsestacks labourer		
Sorton William, handbridge, carpenter	g	b
Smathers John, foregate street, carpenter		
Shaw Joseph, lower lane, blacksmith		
Sands Richard, jun. foregate street, slater	g	b
Stubbs Matthew, ninehouses, glover	g	b
Sidebotham Thomas, clayton lane, yeoman	g	b
Speed Calveley, gorsestacks, labourer	g	b
Seller Thomas, handbridge, combmaker	g	b
Spencer John, Martin's hill, skinner	g	b

Salladine William, northgate street, victualler			c
Shearing Robert, bridge street, carpenter			c
Sands Richard, foregate street, slater	g	b	
Saunders Benjamin, watergate street, carpenter			c
Saunders Thomas, crook's lane, cordwainer			c
Swinnerton John, watergate street, turner	g	b	
Smith Thomas, bridge street, victualler	g	b	
Sinclair Joseph, northgate street, ditto	g	b	
Stringer John, watergate street, upholsterer	g		c
Steel Thomas, eastgate street, woollen draper	g		c
Shone John, bridge street, bricklayer	g	b	
Suddones Richard, eastgate street, schoolmaster	g	b	
Suddones Samuel, ditto ditto	g	b	
Smith Thomas, werburgh's church yard, currier	g	b	
Spencer Edward, martin's in the fields, mason	g	b	
Saunders John, watergate street, cordwainer	g		c
Smith John, castle street, ditto		bn	c
Spurflow John, eastgate street, gent.		bn	c
Slougher Thomas, john's street, esq.	g	b	
Shepherd Thomas, watergate street, grocer	g		c
Smith John, bridge street, cordwainer	g	b	
Sproston John, watergate street, cooper	g	b	
Speed Hugh, abbey court, proctor		bn	c
Sharp Humphrey, bridge street, staymaker	g	b	
Shepherd Thomas, nicholas street, linen draper	g	b	
Smith Joshua, bridge street, felt-maker	g	b	
Seller John, foregate street, brewer	g	b	
Seller William, ditto, ditto	g	b	
Shone Thomas, newgate, carpenter	g	b	
Shaw Thomas, bridge street, currier	g	b	
Swann Samuel, watergate street, tea dealer	g	b	
Stones the Rev. James, whitesfryars, clerk	g	b	
Sorton John, bridge street, merchant	g	b	
Store Thomas, watergate street, gentleman	g	b	
Smith Gabriel, bridge street, alderman	g	b	
Snow Peter, northgate street, attorney			c
Shone William, bridge street, baker	g		c
Shone George, john's street, carpenter	g	b	
Shone John, newgate, ditto	g	b	
Shone John, jun. ditto ditto	g	b	
Smith Daniel, crook's lane, merchant	g		c
T.			
Taylor Samuel, boughton, wheelwright	g	b	
Thornton Joseph, northgate street, bricklayer			c
Tench Fisher, saint-martin's-in-the-fields, gent	g	b	
Tylston William, foregate street, cheesemonger			c
Taylor William, bridge street, brazier	g	b	
Tasker Daniel, coppin's-lane, carpenter			c
Thornley Hugh, ditto, cordwainer	g	b	
Thornley Thomas, ditto, flax dresser	g	b	

Thompson

Thompson Thomas, watergate-street, cordwainer			c
Tylston Samuel, boughton, slater	g	b	
Tylston Samuel, jun. ditto, combmaker	g	b	
Taylor William, nun's-lane, cordwainer			c
Taylor William, weaver's-lane, combmaker	g	b	
Tylston Joseph, foregate-street, cordwainer	g	b	
Tylston Thomas, St. John's church-yard, ditto	g	b	
Thornton Henry, dee-lane, ditto	g	b	
Tyrer John, barker's-lane, ditto			c
Trape John, bridge-street, blacksmith	g	b	
Tapley Henry, northgate-street, cordwainer			c
Tapley John parson's-lane, taylor	g	b	
Tyrer William, foregate-street, cordwainer	g	b	
Taylor Thomas, boughton, yeoman	g	b	
Thomas John, handbridge, roper	g	b	
Tylston Charles, foregate-street, mason	g	b	
Thring Samuel, bridge-street, victualler			c
Tamerlane John, northgate-street, ditto			c
Turner John, watergate-street, cordwainer			c
Thornley John, bunt's-lane, combmaker	g	b	
Taylor John, horn-lane, news-carrier			c
Towsey John, northgate-street, hosier			c
Tonna Samuel, pepper-street, glover			c
Tonna William, king-street, druggist			c
Thornton Henry, northgate-street, slater	g	b	
Tonna John, werburgh's-lane, butcher			c
Trevor William, bridge-street, skinner	g		c
Tonna Richard, king-street, brewer			c
Trevor John, eastgate-street, peruke-maker	g	b	
Taylor John, watergate-street, cooper	g	b	
Townshend George, foregate-street, esq.		bn	c
Thompson Owen, watergate-street, grocer		bn	c
Townshend Edward, stanley-place, esq.		bn	c
Townshend Thomas, abbey-court, esq.		bn	c
Turner William, northgate-street, hairdresser		bn	c
Taylor Jonathan, northgate-street, combmaker	g	b	
Thomas John, ditto, Chandler	g	b	
Towsey Thomas, ditto, hatter	g	b	
Turner Joseph, roodee, architect	g	b	
Townsend Gerrard, foregate-street, gent.	g	b	
Thomas John, hawarden, ditto	g	b	
Townsend Robert, chester, esq.	g	b	
V.			
Venables William, eastgate street, joiner	g	b	
Vizer Wilton, watergate street, porter			c
Vaughan Samuel, foregate street, innholder	g	b	
Vernon Richard, cowlane, butcher	g	b	
Vernon John, paradise street, gent.	g		c
Vaughan Robert Howell, dee bank, esq.	g	b	



W.			
Warrington William, foregate street, combmaker	g	b	
Walker Joseph, cowlane, stocking weaver	g	b	
Williams Richard, cuppin's lane, slater	g	b	
Wakefield Thomas, cowlane, ditto			c
Williams George, lower lane, combmaker			c
Watson John, martin's in the fields, roper			c
Webster Samuel, further northgate street, cordwainer			c
Williams Linley, bridge street, slater	g	b	
Whitehead Richard, parson's-lane, cordwainer			c
Wilkinson John, foregate street, wheelwright	g	b	
Woodworth John, foregate street, cabinet maker	g	b	
Woodfin John, parson's lane, slater			c
Walker Samuel, bridge street, flour dealer	g	b	
Whitehead Thomas, lovelane, slater	g	b	
Williams George, nuns' lane, cordwainer	g	b	
Weigh Peter, eastgate street, carrier	g	b	
Wilkinson Joseph, watergate street, baker	g	b	
Whitley John, common hall lane, hatter	g	b	
Williams Thomas, parsons' lane, cordwainer	g	b	
Wilkinson Joseph, lower lane, cabinet-maker	g	b	
Woodsworth Thomas, northgate street, ditto	g	b	
Welch John, king street, ditto			c
Welch Samuel, further northgate street, malster			c
Welch John, ditto, upholsterer			c
Wheawell William, boughton, farmer	g	b	
Welch Lawrence, nicholas street, carpenter	g	b	
Williams William, gorsacks, cordwainer			c
White John, watergate street, barber			c
Wright Richard, bunt's lane, woolcomber	g	b	
Wooley Peter, foregate street, oiler			c
Ward Thomas, foregate street, cordwainer			c
Walker Jos. martin's ash, malster	g	b	
Wolstenholme Daniel, nuns' lane, carpenter	g	b	
Whitehead John, lower lane, slater			c
Williams Daniel, foregate street, carpenter	g		c
Wright John, pepper street, woolcomber	g		c
Walker John, eastgate street, cabinet maker	g		c
Wilding John, northgate street, cheesemonger	g	b	
Wilcoxon Jonathan, eastgate street, chandler			c
Wilcoxon Ralph, foregate street, linen-draper	g		c
Walton Thomas, wall's lane, glazier	g	b	c
Woodfin William, lower lane, scrivener			c
Walker John, bridge street, cordwainer	g	b	
Weigh Robert, crane street, mariner	g		c
Wright Robert, foregate street, carpenter	g	b	
Williams Edward, bridge street, tailor	g	b	
Wilding John, bridge street, cheesemonger	g	b	
Williams Robert, foregate street, tobacco-nist			c
Woodfin Edward, watergate-street, carpenter			c

Wood

Wood William, handbridge, mason	g	b	
Wilson Thomas, bridge street, druggist			c
Walley Richard, northgate street, baker			c
Wright William, bridge street, grocer			c
Wright Charles, eastgate street, mercer	g	b	
Wilson John, bridge street, druggist			c
Whitehead Geo. cuppin's lane, slater	g	b	
Worsley Thomas, eastgate street, innholder	g	b	
Woollam Charles, sen. bridge street, merchant	g	b	
Wood Francis, white fryars, tinplate worker	g	b	
Woollam Charles, jun. bridge street, merchant	g	b	
Whittle Thomas, pepper street, brewer	g		c
Wynne Sir Watkin Williams, bart.	g	b	
Woolley Samuel, cowlane, baker	g		c
Warrington Nathaniel, northgate street, ditto	g		c
Wilbraham John, northgate street, grocer	g	b	
Woodfin William, sen. watergate street, cooper		bn	c
Williams John, foregate street, baker	g	b	
Wright Jos. ditto, tanner	g	b	
Wright Charles, bridge street, hair-dresser	g	b	
Williamson Charles, eastgate street, wine merchant	g	b	
Whittle Jonathan, martin's in the fields, roper	g	b	
Walker George, eastgate street, silversmith	g	b	
Weigh Thomas, werburgh's church-yard, currier	g	b	
Wright John, foregate street, tanner	g	b	
Waterwoods Samuel, northgate street, attorney		bn	c
Williams John, gorsacks, carpenter	g	b	
Warrington Edmund, parson's lane, baker	g	b	
Wright Joseph, foregate street, gentleman	g	b	
Whittle Robert, martin's in the fields, roper	g	b	
Woollam John, bridge street, mariner	g	b	
Witter Samuel, cuppin's lane, chandler	g		c
Y.			
Young Thomas, foregate street, glover			c
Yoxall Benjamin, newgate street, sadler	g		c
Yoxall Robert, ditto, smith	g	b	
Yoxall Peter, goss-lane, yeoman	g	b	

For Mr. Grosvenor,	713
Mr. Bootle,	626
Mr. Crewe,	480
Mr. Barnston,	38

Mr. Grosvenor Majority of Mr. Crewe,	233
• Mr. Bootle Majority of Mr. Crewe,	146

At the Time of the closing of the Books there were, on a moderate Computation, not less than 69 Freemen unpollled, all of whom had declared in favour of Mr. Grosvenor and Mr. Bootle; which, had they been called upon, would necessarily have increased the last Gentleman's Majority to 215!







The following are the PAPERS circulated  
by the friends of Mr. GROSVENOR and  
Mr. BOOTLE.

No. I.

Chester, March 26, 1784.

To the worthy Freemen of the city of Chester,  
**M**R. Mayor having received letters this morning, from Mr.  
Grosvenor and Mr. Wilbraham Bootle, acquainting him,  
that they purpose coming down immediately to this city, to pay  
their respects to you, and to intreat the favour of your votes at the  
approaching election; you are earnestly desired to forbear *giving any*  
*promise*, until these gentlemen can have an opportunity of waiting  
on you personally.

No. II.

March 26, 1784.

To the worthy Freemen of the city of Chester,

Gentlemen,

**I** Take the liberty of troubling you with a FEW QUESTIONS,  
concerning the conduct of our late Members, and beg you will  
seriously reflect, whether their conduct in any point merits the pre-  
sent opposition?

Have they not uniformly given their votes in parliament agreeable  
to the sense of a very great majority of this city?

Did they not oppose Mr. Fox's *India-bill*?—which every *unbias'd*  
man must allow was an unprecedented attack upon the *charter'd*  
*Rights* of his Majesty's subjects.

Have they not constantly attended their *parliamentary duty*, and  
supported Mr. Pitt; a minister, who (as proved by the Address  
from this city) met with your warmest approbation?

Have they not liberally subscribed to *every improvement* in this  
city? And have not the *poor*, upon every application, experienced  
their humanity and generosity?

Why then should we, my fellow-citizens, wantonly turn either  
of them out, to elect a man, whose principles we can know no-  
thing of?

I make no doubt but Mr. Crewe possesses a number of *private*  
*virtues*, but he may possess *political principles* different to ours; at  
least we do not know that they are the same.

The principles of our late worthy members we know: Why then  
should we quit a *certainty* for an *uncertainty*?

Ought we not likewise to consider the *confusion* this city must be  
flung into, if we countenance an opposition?

And will it not be a *long time* before the *seeds of animosity* can be  
cleared away?

Let us, therefore, wisely, determine to unite, and, by re-electing our OLD and TRIED Members, keep this city in peace and quietness.  
A FREEMAN.

No. III.

MR. Grosvenor and Mr. Wilbraham Bootle present their respectful compliments to their friends, and desire the favour of their appearance, at the Pentice, on Monday morning, at ten o'clock, to begin a general canvass of the citizens, for the honour they hope to receive, of representing again this city in parliament.

Chester, Saturday Night,  
March 27, 1784.

No. IV.

To the worthy Freemen of the city of Chester,  
Gentlemen,

HAVING had the honour of enjoying the unanimous and repeated confidence of our fellow-citizens, for many years, and trusting that our parliamentary conduct, during these critical and extraordinary times, has met with your approbation; we beg leave to offer our services upon the present occasion, assuring you, that, should we have the honour of again becoming the objects of your choice, we will continue to exert our utmost endeavours to promote the prosperity of the nation at large, and of this city in particular.

We remain, with the greatest respect and regard,

Gentlemen,

Your most obliged,

And most faithful, humble Servants,

THOMAS GROSVENOR,

RICHARD WILBRAHAM BOOTLE.

Chester, March 27, 1784.

No. V.

To the worthy Freemen of the city of Chester,

I BEG leave to congratulate you on the arrival of your old and faithful representatives. Their appearance has totally done away the illiberal report that *they neglected this City!*—They were attending their duty in parliament; and faithfully filling that trust your opinion had honoured them with: They have been Ready friends to his Majesty and our glorious constitution, and have firmly opposed every attack that wicked and designing men have made upon it. Surely then, my fellow citizens, they merit your support, and hard would it be to suffer a man, whose *political Principles* we know nothing of, to undermine their interest at the *very Time* they were discharging their duty!—Lay your hands upon your hearts, and ask yourselves this single question: Should you not think it unjust to be dismissed from a service, where you had, to the utmost of your power, done your duty? And dismissed too without *any Reason* being assigned!—Reflect on this, and I am sure your own good sense and candour must tell you, *it would be hard indeed.*

You, no doubt, have seen a low, illiberal paper, that has been industriously circulated, signed DEVANUS. The author has most amply

amply shewn the *Weakness* of his *Head*, and *Badness* of his *Heart*. It is so truly scurrilous, thro' the whole, that I shall trouble you with one remark only, which is: I think he has most unwarrantably made free with the characters of our fathers' relations and friends, charging them with having bartered away their *Honesty* and *Freedom* for the sake of *Drunkenness* and *Riot*!—Such an idea must arise only from the breast of a man too depraved for society. I hope and trust, then, my fellow citizens, we shall support our two faithful representatives, and not suffer a man of *untried political Principles* to turn either of them out.

They certainly, from their past services, have a claim to our preference; which, I hope, never can be bias'd by the dirty insinuations of narrow-minded scribblers.

March 28, 1784.

A CITIZEN

### No. VI.

To the worthy Freemen of the city of Chester,

Gentlemen,

**T**HE great success we have met with upon our canvass this day, demands our most hearty acknowledgements, as it affords us the satisfaction of thinking that our past conduct has met with your fullest approbation;—It is our intention to wait upon every Freeman, and therefore we trust that if any person should be omitted, the omission will be attributed to accident, and not neglect.

We are, with the greatest regard,

Gentlemen,

Your most oblig'd, humble servants,

THOMAS GROSVENOR.

R. WILBRAHAM BOOTLE.

Monday Evening, March 29, 1784.

### No. VII.

To the worthy Freemen of the city of Chester,

Gentlemen,

**I**T having been industriously reported, that Mr. Egerton, of Oulton-park, intended to support Mr. Crewe with his interest, we are happy in having it in our power to contradict this report, Mr. Egerton having authorized us to declare in this public manner, that he would have done us the honour "of attending us in person upon our canvass, had he not been engaged at home, by particular business; but that he sincerely wished us success, and should rejoice to hear of our being re-elected."

We are, with the greatest respect,

Gentlemen,

Your most oblig'd, humble servants,

THOMAS GROSVENOR.

RICHARD WILBRAHAM BOOTLE.

Chester, March 30, 1784.

### No. VIII.

**I** BEG leave to congratulate you, my worthy fellow citizens, on the very great success our OLD and TRIED representatives met with on their canvass; and am truly happy to find that the very low



Attempts that have been made use of, to impose on your understandings, are not likely to meet with the success a few very consequential gentlemen in this city wished them.

They have unwarrantably represented Mr. Wilbraham Bootle, as a tool to the Grosvenor family. I would only ask this question: Is not Mr. Wilbraham Bootle a man of independent fortune? I will say of large fortune. Does he, by extravagance, render it necessary for him to be dependent on any one? Does he want to screen himself from his creditors? No, I can with truth affirm, there is not an honest man living.

You, my fellow citizens, have plainly seen the respectable appearance of gentlemen and tradesmen that attended Mr. Grosvenor and Mr. Wilbraham Bootle.

Can Sir Roger Mostyn, Sir Peter Warburton, Sir Richard Brooke, Sir Foster Cunliffe, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Ince, Mr. Leech, and many others, that, thro' the principle of justice, attended your old members, I say, can these gentlemen be represented as tools to the Grosvenor family? I think your answer must be *No!*

They support your old members on this principle: They have served you faithfully, the one for *thirty*, the other for *four and twenty* years; and 'till they do wrong, common justice calls aloud, "*They merit your support!*"

Mr. Egerton, of Oulton, has shewn his approbation of the present members; and fully put a stop to the mean misrepresentations that were spread about, "that he supported Mr. Crewe."

Indeed! indeed! it is not commonly honest to deceive people by such gross misrepresentations that have been made use of to support this Crewe cause.

However, I believe, it is now very well known, that Mr. Egerton wishes every success to Mr. Grosvenor and Mr. Wilbraham Bootle, men who have uniformly opposed the *Foxites*. Fox cannot boast of having the Name of Grosvenor or Bootle on his list. Look at the list of his friends that is published, you will find no Grosvenor or Wilbraham Bootle there.

Let us, therefore, my fellow citizens unite, and not be deceived by the misrepresentations of artful men, who have flung this city into riot and confusion, which they never will be able to make amends for.

Let us shew ourselves free and independent, and, by re-electing our old members, prove, that, as honest freemen, we are not to be over-awed by the threats of a few, who wish to force a new member on us, and turn out two worthy men, whose conduct have been approved by every

INDEPENDENT FREEMAN.

Chester, April 1, 1784.

## No. IX.

To the worthy Freemen of the city of Chester,

Gentlemen,

I Feel myself more particularly call'd upon to express my most grateful acknowledgements, for the very flattering support I have met with upon my canvass, because I find that many persons have insidiously attempted to affect my character with you, by representing me as dependent upon the *Eaton* family: If living in the strictest habits of friendship with my late worthy colleague is esteem'd a fault, I am proud to acknowledge I have no claim to  
your

your support; but if the most unreserved assurance of perfect independence will be credited, I assure my fellow citizens, whom I have had so long the honor of representing, that no private friendship shall ever guide my opinion in politics, or induce me to betray the rights of this city.

Conscious therefore that my conduct has been ever unbiassed, and that my principles have coincided with those of my fellow citizens, as expressed in their late address, I trust I shall still be favour'd with your confidence: An honor which will ever be gratefully remembered, by,

Gentlemen,  
Your oblig'd, humble Servant,  
RICHARD WILBRAHAM BOOTLE.

Chester, April 1, 1784.

No. X.

Oulton Park, April 3, 1784.

Mr. MONK,

**H**AVING observed that my opinion on the present contest has been variously represented by the friends of each party, and being desirous that my *real sentiments* may be understood on both sides, I take this public method of declaring, that I am a well-wisher to both the late worthy members, whose conduct in Parliament has been so long tried and approved of.

The promise alluded to, in a paper sign'd IDLER, was not intended as a favour to Mr. Crewe's party, but proceeded from a principle which I hold to be a right one, viz. An unwillingness to influence the electors by any motive of interest. I wish *them* to be *free and unbiassed*; but, had I a vote myself, it should be at the service of Mr. Grosvenor and Mr. W. Bootle.

With sincere wishes for the prosperity of the city of Chester, I remain,

Mr. Monk,  
Your obedient, humble servant,  
P. EGERTON.

No. XI.

Friends, Neighbours, Fellow Citizens!

**A** Word with you upon this important occasion. A word to the *wise* will be sufficient. *Actions* cannot deceive; *professions*, however explicit, are always attended with uncertainty.

Beware, oh! beware. There may at least be a *snake* in the grass. Foxite or no Foxite; charter'd rights or no charter'd Rights; church or no church; king or no king: These, "pause and think!" these are the questions! Have we address'd our most gracious sovereign for preserving every thing, that is dear to Englishmen, from the infernal machinations of a profligate, rapacious, abandoned ministry, and shall we not be grateful to those, who have uniformly opposed them, who have so often so gloriously fought our battles in the hour of impending ruin? Reflect a moment! are not these sufficient claims for your votes, your interest, and your warmest gratitude? Have we, at the late critical juncture, contributed to induce his majesty to dissolve his parliament, that he might still have a stronger proof, that the sentiments of his faithful subjects were the sentiments of their respective members, and shall we, at the same time, unanimously express our approbation

tion of the one by re-electing him, and reject the other, who hath been equally assiduous in defence of our sacred rights and constitution? Can we act so inconsistently, and stigmatise our characters by such an act of duplicity?

Shall we even betray the royal confidence? answer me again, are not these sufficient claims for your support? away with every paltry consideration, with private resentment, low, sordid views, even friendship itself! In this important contest, big with the fate of Britain and our patriot king, act like *free and independent* citizens, men who have always been revered for their steady loyalty, their public spirit, their wisdom, and unfulled honour.

Be assured, I have no other motive in addressing you, but my anxiety for the welfare, peace, and prosperity of this ancient and loyal city, and of the kingdom in general,

GUARDIAN.

## No. XII.

Chester, April 5, 1784.

Happening, a few mornings ago, to be present at the house of a friend, a freeman of this city (and one who has every just title to the epithet *Independent*) a party of what are now called *The Friends of Liberty* waited upon him to solicit his vote in favour of Mr. Crewe; when, as near as I can recollect, the following short DIALOGUE, almost literally, took place:

The canvassing personages consisted of Sir Francis Vinegar, a wine merchant; Oliver Quid, a tobacconist; Major Bluster, alias Bobadil, a renegade Officer; Philip Mahogany, a cabinet-maker; and Mr. Frederick Freeman, the gentleman solicited.

### D I A L O G U E.

Major Bluster. **M**R. Freeman, we have made bold to wait upon you, to solicit your vote in favour of Mr. Crewe,—a gentleman strongly attach'd to the cause of liberty and the rights of the people!

Oliver Quid. Yes, Mr. Freeman, you can have no objection to support so worthy, so independent, and patriotic a candidate for public favour.

Ph. Mahogany. Aye! I am sure—look you—you can't find a *more proper* gentleman, nor one who is *more likelier* to restore our rights and liberties than Mr. Crewe.

Freeman. Why pray, gentlemen, who has deprived you of your rights and liberties?

Vinegar. Who has deprived us of 'em!—why Mr. Grosvenor and Mr. Bootle to be sure.

Freeman. I should be happy to know, in what respect they are deserving of such a charge?

Ph. Mahogany. In what respect! why, because, look you, they are not the *Thing*—they are not what *we* would have 'em to be.—Now, for my part, I never receiv'd a favour from the house of Eaton in all my life; not so much as an order for a single looking-glass.

Freeman. I would, gentlemen, it were in my power to present you with a looking-glass wherein you might see your own follies! but that is impossible; your understandings are so blinded by prejudice, and your reason altogether so bias'd by party zeal, that you give into the most glaring absurdities without consulting either common sense or common honour.

Vinegar.



Vinegar. Honour! Sir, now is the time to stick up for our honour; if we loose it now, I wou'dn't give a glass of English gin for it hereafter!

Oliver Quid. Nor I a single quid of Tobacco!

Major Bluster. But come, Mr. Freeman, if you cannot give us a *Plumper*, will you divide your voice in favour of Mr. Grosvenor and Mr. Crewe?

Freeman. And pray, gentlemen, why not in favour of Mr. Bootle? In what instance has he merited your disrespect? Has he, in the whole course of his parliamentary conduct shewn the smallest disregard to the instructions of his constituents, or in any degree sacrificed *their* interest to his *own*? Or does his conduct in any single instance stand reproved or impeached?

Major. Hum!—[*pausing*].—Why no, but as he was brought in by the *House of Eaton*, why *we will* have him out!—that's all.

Freeman. Upon my word, gentlemen, a very cogent reason truly, and such as must do you and your cause *infinite credit*. But permit me to inform you, that, if you will take a retrospect of Mr. Bootle's parliamentary services, you will find that they have been uniformly directed to the support of the constitution and the rights of the people; and that he has not, during the many years he has sat in the house, been under the smallest influence or guidance of any individual or body of men whatever: Therefore, give me leave, in a few words, to observe to you, that I am independent of, and unconnected with, either party; but so long as our venerable city has the happiness to be represented by two as honest, upright, and uncorrupt gentlemen as, probably, ever entered the walls of the House of Commons, I thank God I have not so much *ingratitude* in me, as, without even a shadow of cause, to give my voice for the removal of either of them, in support of a man whose *political principles* I am totally ignorant of, and whose *inferiority of fortune* must necessarily give him an *inferiority of title* to those he now opposes.—*So good morning to you, gentlemen.*

Here the canvassers turned on their heels, and gave vent to their disappointment, by pronouncing Mr. Freeman, “an enemy to liberty, and a slave to the *House of Eaton*!”—*Risum Teneatis?*  
An IMPARTIALIST.

### No. XIII.

Friends and fellow citizens.

THE time is now approaching when the friends of the old members have a full confidence that you will be steady to the promises you have made to support those whom you have so long honoured with your votes. Yet, permit us just to awaken your attention to the many arts that may be practised to gain over those who have engaged themselves; but we know you have more sense of honour than to betray the word you have solemnly given on the canvass. Disregard then all the arts of the opposite party, be firm and resolute, and let the question, *which shall be chosen?* be fairly decided.

The objects of your former choice are the last men that would wish to abridge the most valuable privilege of an *Englishman*, that of voting by his own free will for his representative in parliament.

With a thorough scorn of all such illiberal insinuations, we leave it to your consideration, whether your late members have not deserved your approbation? Have not many of you, our fellow citizens, acknowledged their deserts not long ago, by signing the late address

address? and we are sure the same good inclination continues in a majority of the freemen.

All we can now advise is, to demean yourselves as orderly as possible during the poll, and let not a cause that is honest in itself be hurt by confusion. Trusting to your honour and fidelity, we have no doubt of success. And remain

Your most faithful friends,  
Several Independent Freemen,

Chester, Monday, April 5.

No. XIV.

To the worthy and independent Freemen of the city of Chester,

Friends of the old members.

**H**AVING this morning seen a paper with the name of *Amicus*, I beg leave, in answer, to remind you, my fellow citizens, that our old members, having always acted independent of each other in parliament, and having each of them fortunes to support their independence, it is false and malicious to say, "our voting for them is derived from a habit of *submission* to the house of *Eaton*."

We have *more* than a *spark of liberty* in our breasts; we adore the noble cause of freedom as much as the friends of Mr. Crewe, and exert our liberty by voting for those who have supported the true principles of the *British* constitution. So that, my friends, if you respect your country and your king, do not be deceived by the insinuations of the opposite party.

Much may depend, as *Amicus* truly says, on the issue of the present contest, but he mistakes the true state of the question, which is this: Shall we my friends, by submitting to a party, take a man hitherto untried; or, by a manful struggle, support those whose political opinions are agreeable to your own, whose attendance has been constant in parliament, who have never deceived you, and will continue to support the true constitution, and to guard the particular interests of this city, without expectation of *place, pension, or title*?

AN ENGLISHMAN.

No. XV.

Chester, April 5, 1784:

**F**REEMAN presents his compliments to the Authors of the several papers sign'd, *Devanus*, *Idler*, and *We will be free*, and begs leave to inform them, that he shall in future take no notice of any of their *confus'd* productions till they attempt to answer his *QUERIES*, which they have not yet ventured to do, (*See No. II.*)

XVI.

Chester, April 6, 1784.

**T**HE Friends of Mr. Grosvenor and Mr. Wilbraham Bootle, who have not yet taken up their freedom, are desired to attend, at the Pentice, to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock, to be made free.

XVII.

## XVII.

Wednesday, April 7, 1784.

Friends and Fellow Citizens,

A Report yesterday having been industriously circulated (in order to hurt the cause of Mr. Grosvenor and Mr. Bootle) viz. "that John Legh, esq. of St. John's street, (a sincere well-wisher to their interest) had been guilty of bribery;" we beg leave to inform the public, that Mr. Legh, upon oath, declared, in Court, "that he never, to his knowledge, had even seen the man who accused him, and that he had never, during this election, or at any other time, bribed, or attempted to bribe, any person whatsoever."

Our fellow citizens will observe, that it appears, by the annexed affidavit, that Mr. Thomas Moulson, *tobacconist*, was charged with an attempt to bribe on Mr. Crewe's side; and that he did not then, nor has he since, on oath, or otherwise, denied the charge. We therefore leave all *impartial* men to judge, that if there has been bribery on either side, whether the friend of Mr. Grosvenor and Mr. Bootle, or Mr. Thomas Moulson, the Friend of Mr. Crewe, has cleared himself most to their satisfaction of the charge of bribery and corruption?

"The examination of John Davies, of Love-lane, pipe-maker, who saith, That on the 3d instant, one James Meakin, pipe-maker, came to this examinant, and informed him, that Mr. Thomas Moulson, the *tobacconist*, wanted him at the White-lion, for something very particular; upon which he went to the White-lion, and saw Mr. Moulson, who, after some conversation with this examinant, said he understood, that he, this examinant, was a friend of Mr. Grosvenor and Mr. Bootle. And this examinant further says, that Mr. Moulson then told this examinant, that he understood he, this examinant, was indebted to Mr. Sharp, his landlord, 33s. for three-quarters of a year's rent, and that if he would divide his vote between Mr. Grosvenor and Mr. Crewe, he would settle with this examinant's landlord, and that he should *never* be distressed. — And this examinant verily believes, and considers, the above offer as an inducement for him to vote contrary to his inclination.

"To prove the above facts call Richard Jones, pipe-maker.

JOHN DAVIES.

RICHARD JONES."

April 7, 1784. Sworn before me, THOMAS AMERY, Mayor.

## No. XVIII.

Chester, April 8, 1784.

Mr. Grosvenor and Mr. Bootle's orders.

**T**HAT every freeman belonging to Handbridge, and Mr. Troughton, behave in a peaceable and quiet manner, and to attend at the Change as soon as possible.

Mr. IDLER.



## No. XIX.

In Consequence of a Meeting held this Evening at the Mayor's House,

THE friends of all the candidates, lamenting the serious riots and disturbances that prevailed this day; and, being determined, as far as lies in their power, jointly, to prevent a repetition of them, beg leave, most earnestly, to recommend to all their friends, and all who wish to promote the welfare of this city, to use their utmost endeavours to preserve peace and order in future during this election, as the like confusion must be equally injurious to the interest of all parties.

T. Grosvenor for Mr. Grosvenor,  
Richard Crewe for Mr. John Crewe,  
Randle Ford for Mr. W. Bootle.

Chester, April 8.

## No. XX.

THE trumpet of liberty has of late been blown with such unusual ardour, by a *motley Crew*, in this city, that the ears of our freemen are really dinn'd with the sound!—The lungs of Jacky's adherents must certainly be not a little affected by vociferating, from windows, and in public-houses, the *noble qualifications* of their hero, his *patriotism*, his *unbounded liberality*, and, above all, the great attention he has long paid to the interests of the city. In the paroxysm of their zeal, they, however, seem to have forgot one very recent instance of his unparalleled regard to our citizens; which is, that, during the late *Festival of Music*, this gentleman brought down in his suite a *French Milliner* (of the masculine gender) and a *Hair-dresser*, for the *benevolent* purpose of supplanting the honest endeavours of several of our freemen and residents, who had every claim to a priority of attention and regard. And report says, that such was the success of these *Exotics*, merely from Mr. Crewe's recommendation, that they carried out of our city the moderate sum of one thousand pounds! which otherwise must have fallen into the pockets of the citizens. Candour will, therefore, see the *sincerity* of this gentleman's attachment to our interests, in this instance; the intimation of which is humbly submitted to public consideration by

Q. IN THE CORNER.

## No. XXI.

To A M I C U S.

S I R,

YOU seem to treat a paper, sign'd Englishman, with such a self-sufficient air of contempt, and the natural right (as you call it) in such an arbitrary manner, that it really is hard to say what you mean, or indeed whether you mean any thing at all by natural right of election. Can you prove, in any single instance, that the right of election has been either denied to, or suppress'd from, the freemen of this city, during the whole time our late members have represented us? Have they not been called upon to elect new representatives? If so, pray *who* chose them? Not the House of Eaton, I believe, but the freemen at large. And is not the present contest a full refutation of your assertion? That Mr. Bootle is, or ever was, supported

ported by the arbitrary dictates of any particular set of men, otherwise than by a majority of the freemen of Chester! Away with such flimsy argument, and know, that *our* eyes are not so weak as not to discern the tendency of all such miserable insinuations; and that you, sir, if a freeman, are, in our opinion, much degenerated from that noble freedom of spirit, which characterises an Englishman. And that your apprehensions of slavery and bondage are the mere phantoms of your confused ideas.

You will please to observe, sir, that it is generally allowed, that whenever a property or right belongs to a number, no individual can dispose of more than his own share of that property or right. I beg then, sir, you will inform me, by what authority an individual offered this city to Mr. Crewe? Was there any public assemblage of the freemen to ask their consent? Was there any paper signed by them, expressing their objections to the two late worthy representatives, and inviting Mr. Crewe to this city? I say NO!

This conclusion, therefore, must be drawn; that this individual, and a few of his COFFEE-HOUSE COMMITTEE, have, I must say, most presumptuously, offered to dispose of the rights of the freemen, without their consent! and the whole struggle appears to be, whether the freemen of this city shall defend their rights, to give their free consent for the election of members to represent them in parliament, or whether a few *would-be* great men shall dictate to them WHO they SHALL chuse?

Friends, then, and fellow-citizens, though Mr. Amicus makes extremely light of purity and perfection, join heartily in promoting the re-election of honest and worthy men, and regard not the low attempts to terrify you into the apprehension of either yoke or bondage;—and may heaven crown your honest endeavours with success!

April 8, 1784.

An ENGLISHMAN.

#### No. XXII.

[See The CACKLING OF THE GEESE, &c.]

#### No. XXIII.

IT having been represented to the successful candidates, that some of their friends intend to illuminate their houses, this evening, Mr. Grosvenor and Mr. Wilbraham Bootle most earnestly request, that they will discourage any such measure, as it may be productive of disturbances in the city, which all parties must be equally anxious to prevent.

Chester, April 16.

#### No. XXIV.

To the worthy and independent freemen of the city of Chester:

Gentlemen,

WE beg leave to return you our sincere thanks for the honour you have conferred upon us, by again electing us your representatives in parliament; and to assure you, that we shall ever gratefully remember your kind exertions in our support during the late contest.

The success which has attended your efforts, will, we trust, fully vindicate us from the imputation of having wantonly persevered in the struggle ; yet, though we feel unconscious of having been the cause of the late interruption to the peace of the city, we cannot but lament the circumstance. We, however, most sincerely hope, that, with this decision, all animosities may subside, and that this city may again be restored to that harmony and unanimity, which has so much contributed to the honour and prosperity of its inhabitants.

Happy in this further testimony of your approbation of our past services, we shall endeavour to preserve your good opinion, by continuing to act upon the same principles which have hitherto directed the parliamentary conduct of,

Gentlemen,  
Your most obliged,  
And obedient, humble servants,  
Thomas Grosvenor,  
Rich. Wilbraham Bootle.

Chester, April 17, 1784.

No. XXV.

Chester Coffee-room conversation,  
On the first talk of a dissolution of parliament.

THE coffee-room gentlemen having resolv'd,  
That, whene'er the parliament shou'd be dissolv'd,  
The city shou'd be in confusion involv'd :

And conceiving of late,  
That *they only* are great,  
That each tradesman in town  
Is a fool, knave, or clown,

They declar'd, " that a member they'd have of their own !"

*Benckman*

Major Bluster, the bookbinder, swore by his god,  
Those reptiles, the tradesmen, shou'd vote at his nod,  
Or he'd flog the vile dogs with his grandfather's rod :

He declar'd to the tradesmen, they all were too civil,  
But if now they rebell'd, send the dogs to the devil,  
Cries this hectoring, bullying, son of a *Swivel*.\*

*Henry Hasketh*

Little *Harry* protests, that the members shall scamper,  
Having never sold *Eaton* a bottle or hamper,  
And his uncle had promis'd to make him a stamper.

Just then at his heels brother *Bob* enters fuming,  
Cries aloud, that our tradesmen are very presuming,  
And that none of them ever shall enter that room in.

*Alderman Snow*

The *Alderman* grins, and his walking-stick clenches,  
Says, save *him*, there's none wiser on the justices' benches,—  
Roars a horse-laugh—then goes to the milliners' wenchies.

*Thomas*

*Billy T*—— kept back, nor knew well what to do,  
For fear, lest by bustling or shouting for *Crews*,  
He shou'd lose t'other half of the stamp-office too.

The volunteer col'nel declar'd on his word,  
Ingratitude's ever a vice he abhor'd ;  
And he'd oft'ner drank claret with *Crews* than my lord.

\* Minor Canon



*Speed*

For my part says *Speed*, I confess I can't see  
Why a gentleman born, and accomplish'd as he,  
Shou'd not instantly our representative be.

*Townsend*

To be sure to the man there can be no objection :  
On his *outré* address we'll not cast a reflection,  
Either him or *Tom T-----d*, so we've an election;

*Massey Taylor*

*M----- T-----* the noisy, in eagerness spoke,  
Assur'd them the tradesmen wou'd put on their yoke,  
And drag in their chains 'till they're ready to choak.  
That the sects are all his, *Quakers, Mystics, and Arians*,  
The *Methodists* too, and the dear *Presbyterians*,  
And his masters in chapter are *Anythingorians*!  
That the corporate body, that *phalanx* of yore,  
Are now *rotten sheep*, more than ten in a score,  
And for *Crews* and the *Coffee-rooms* ready to roar.  
The plebeians at *Gorton's* will all vote for *Crews*,  
Those at *Leech's*, at *Barth's*, and at *Trevors's* too,  
So we'll send up our member without more ado,

## S O N G S.

### The DEFEAT of the JUNTO ;

A NEW SONG, to the old Tune of "Derry down."

WHEN a junto of men, under liberty's guise,  
Had cry'd, "they wou'd open the *Cestrians's* eyes,"  
And, by an union of hands, without more ado,  
Determined at once for to vote in a *Crews*!

*Derry down down, hey derry down.*

A number of friends to their standard did flock,  
Secure in their thoughts, firm as a rock,  
They canvass'd the city without more ado,  
Determined at once for to vote in a *Crews*!

*Derry down, &c.*

*Opposition* look'd big, and with confidence cry'd,

"Corporations and Charters we cannot abide ;

"The friends of old *Eaton* are scanty and few,

"So we'll e'en TRIP IT UP, in the name of a *Crews*!"

*Derry down, &c.*

"Till *GROSVENOR* and *BOOTLE*, the friends of the  
crown,

As faithful old servants to our city came down,

Then the voice of the citizens, loyal and true,

Determined, that they wou'd NOT vote in a *Crews*.

*Derry down, &c.*

Thus *Independency* came, at *Gratitude's* call,

Declaring, "Mr. *Bootle* he shou'd not now fall,

"His actions are good, and his principles true,

"Then why change him now for the name of a *Crews*?"

*Derry down, &c.*

Then

Then come, my true friends, let's toast their names o'er,  
And drink their healths now, tho' we never drink more,  
Our support they deserve, 'tis their right and their due,  
In spite of a *Henchman*, a *Taylor*, or *Crews*.

*Derry down, &c.*

F I N A L E.

Then come, freemen all, with one voice let us sing,  
The friends of OLD EATON are friends of the KING.

*Derry down, &c.*

An OLD SONG,

*Tune—Charge the Musket, point the Lance, &c.*

CROWN with mirth the blissful day,  
That first insur'd our free choice;  
Bootle's worth we'll now display,  
With chearful hearts and loud voice.

Fill your glasses to the brim,  
Success and health attend him,  
Let none of us this toast deny,  
But all true hearts defend him.

*Toll de roll, &c.*

True to his king and country's cause,  
By honour ever guided,  
Our charter'd rights and sacred laws  
In him may be confided.

Fill your glasses, &c.

Bootle still shall be the Man,  
To serve his loyal country;  
His family it is well known,  
None can excel for bounty.

Fill your glasses, &c.

For Gro'vener we'll vote with free good-will,  
He's our old trusty member;  
He never yet receiv'd a bribe,  
And that we will remember.

Fill your glasses, fill 'em high,  
Success and health attend him,  
His noble heart is firm and sound,  
His health again, huzza, boys.

A New SONG.

COME all my good Friends and let us unite,  
To further a Cause which is honest and right;  
Both GROSVENOR and BOOTLE have served us long,  
So let us unite, and praise them in Song.

They have served us long; they have served us true,  
Our Party is strong, our Opposers are few;  
Common Gratitude too, must make us stand firm,  
To those we've approv'd of, for such a long Term.

The

The Country Gentlemen they are with us,  
 And this is a Truth in spite of the Fufs,  
 In spite of the Buffle, and also the Boast,  
 Of those who attempted to lessen our Host.  
 Notwithstanding they say "for the Good of the Land,  
 "They'll move such great Weights that they cannot  
 withstand;"  
 And throw in a *Taylor*, with Countenance brassey,  
 The Metal on our Side, I'm sure is more *Massey*.  
 A Cause of such Worth, it is hop'd cannot fail,  
 And against honest Freemen what Foes can prevail?  
 O! their Purpose they'll rue, they'll rue it indeed,  
 Altho' there's a *Crewe*, and they canvass with *Speed*.

An Old SONG.

COME here's to you lads—noble Grosvenor's good health,  
 And may Chester long flourish in peace and in wealth;  
 May no hearts e'er divide, who so long have been friends,  
 And may those who hate either, still fail of their ends:  
     True hearts are we all boys,  
     True hearts are our friends;  
     We always are ready, steady, boys, steady,  
     A Grosvenor we'll stand by, both now and again.  
 When Walpole had plann'd t'enslave the whole state,  
 And Chester's old liberties shar'd the same fate;  
 Then a Grosvenor stept in, and its charter preserv'd,  
 Our privilege maintain'd, and our love's his reward:  
     True hearts are we all boys,  
     True hearts are our friends;  
     We always are ready, steady, boys, steady,  
     The Grosvenors we'll stand by, they stood by us then.  
 Then for Grosvenor and Wilbraham we'll each give a vote,  
 Their country's true interest they'll ever promote;  
 We know they are honest, they want not a place,  
 Nor seek for a skreen from a creditor's face.  
     True hearts are we all boys,  
     True hearts are our friends;  
     We always are ready, steady, boys, steady,  
     Honest men we will stand by, both now and again.

The CONVERSATION,

A New SONG.

*SPEED with CREWE.*

I Pray thee, Jack Crewe,  
 Make no more ado,  
 In vain do we struggle for you;  
 No chance do you stand,  
 Your friends can't command  
 Half the votes of honest *True-Blue*:  
     Sing, tol de rol, &c.      We've



We've not tally for rally,  
 Tho' our forces we rally,  
 Our voters indeed are quite sick on't;  
*Those damn'd Handbridge fellows,*  
 They are so zealous,  
 To-morrow I fear we shall rue on't.  
 Sing, tol de rol, &c.

Since bribery's found out,  
*Tobacco* does pout,  
 And wishes he'd never engag'd,  
 How small must he look,  
*He won't take the Book,*  
 So, d——n him, we wish he was *cag'd*.  
 Sing, tol de rol, &c.

Then Roger, pray say,  
 What have I to pay?  
*Ten Thousand!* by Jove 'tis a pity,  
 May the devil take those  
 Who took me by th' nose,  
 And lugg'd me thus into the city.  
 Sing, tol de rol, &c.

Oh! Bluster, oh! Bluster,  
 How oft' did you muster  
 Those fanciful troops as your own;  
 How oft' did you swear,  
 How often declare,  
 Those *Reptiles*, the voters, your own!  
 Sing, tol de rol, &c.

But now I'll go home,  
 Since I know my doom,  
 Alas! my poor *Lady* and child;  
 What will Falmouth say,  
 When he knows what's to pay,  
 By Jove it will drive us *both wild!*  
 Sing, tol de rol, &c.

## A New S O N G.

**I**N the city of Chester, a Taylor there dwelt,  
 Of *consequence* saucy and certain;  
 It was clear to himself, all hearts he could melt,  
 He tamper'd so long 'hind the curtain.  
 It was clear, &c.

This Taylor a challenge the members would send,  
 On his *Strength* he had such a reliance;  
 A *tall Man* stood by, while the message was penn'd,  
 They laugh'd at his saucy defiance.

A *tall Man*, &c.  
 Tho' this muffin-fac'd Taylor's a *Man of the Church*,  
 Presbyterians he's wond'rous thick with;  
 Poor Snuff and Tobacco he's got in the *lurch*,  
 And Crewe he has sworn them to stick with.  
 Poor Snuff, &c.

They're sneezing and wheezing, and likewise moreover,  
Lamenting they're in the wrong box ;  
Alas ! the poor Taylor, he's fairly *done over*,  
We'll neither have Crewe nor a Fox.  
Alas ! the poor Taylor, &c.

A S O N G.

Supposed to have been composed by the Musical Society, now  
assembled at the White-lion, and set to the tune of  
" *At the sign of the horse,*" &c.

**M**Y sweet Jacky Crewe,  
Since we find it won't do,  
I vote that we all return home ;  
Much money we've spent,  
And much we have lent,  
To bias the votes of this town.  
Sing, tol de rol, &c.

Then, sir, if you please,  
No longer we'll tease  
The freemen, but leave them in peace ;  
For they, honest cocks,  
Have winded our Fox,  
And prov'd us a parcel of geese.  
Sing, tol de rol, &c.

They firmly refuse,  
Their charter to 'buse,  
Nor are to be gull'd by a few,  
With vain exultations,  
And misrepresentations,  
Of Henchman, the Taylor, and Crewe,  
Sing, tol de rol, &c.

Some vain idle fools,  
Have call'd us all tools,  
And bellow'd out Crewe ! *now or never !*  
But fill up your glafs,  
And let the toast pass,  
Here's Grosvenor and Bootle for ever.  
Sing, tol de rol, &c.

A New S O N G.

**J**OHNNY C—e, Johnny C—e,  
This Election you'll rue,  
Already it vexes you sore ;  
To Bolesworth you'll go,  
With a heart full of woe,  
Nor montylest, trouble us more,  
Sing, tol de rol, &c.

*Speed*

Mosey S—d, Mosey S—d,  
Relinquish your creed,  
No longer young damsels appal ;  
No Jezabel *She*,  
Who fractur'd her knee,  
And sprink'd her blood on the wall !  
Sing, tol de rol, &c

F

Spruce

*Topping and Snow-  
Counsellor & Attorney*

Spruce T——g and S——w,  
In conjunction shall go,  
So complete a pair never were found;  
For wrangling and prate,  
And they run such a rate,  
Full fifty times o'er the same ground.

Sing, tol de rol, &c.

Oh! Bluster, Oh! Bluster,  
In vain do you fluster,  
Thou book-binding, bullying hero;  
In vain do you swear,  
“D——n you all have a care,  
“Left I put you in bodily fear O!

Sing, tol de rol, &c.

*Turnend  
Barnston —*

Oh! T——d, Oh! T——d,  
Quick to your friend B——n send,  
And let him your grievances hear;  
“Of the volunteer corps,  
“I expected three score,  
“But, alas! I'm deluded I fear.”

Sing, tol de rol, &c.

*Barnston*

Oh! B——n, Oh! B——n,  
Thro' you, sir, much harm's done;  
Too lightly this city you treat;  
‘Twas in vanity fair,  
Ambition's proud heir,  
Bought a bubble, that prov'd but a cheat.

Sing, tol de rol, &c.

*Taylor.*

Oh! T——r, Oh! T——r,  
A very bad sailor,  
In a very weak bark you are found;  
Tho' you work your worn oar,  
To reach the far shore,  
I trust, all the Crews will be drown'd.

Sing, tol de rol, &c.

# A New S O N G.

To the Tune of “Push about the brisk bowl.”

**P**USH the bottle about, 'twill enliven our hearts,  
To Gro'vener and Bootle this glass:  
The Taylor, who boasts of his canvassing parts.  
Has prov'd himself clearly an *Afs*.

Has prov'd, &c.

The Major who struts in consequence sure,  
And adds a *Mite* more to the *Mafs*;  
Will make both himself and his party all poor,  
Then who my good friends is the *Afs*?

Then who, &c.

The Captain whose face bears no 'semblance of guile,  
All others now thinks to surpass;  
Tho' his *Cask's* laid aside, he'll bow and he'll smile,  
But don't let him make you an *Afs*.

But don't, &c.

The



The *slimsey Haranguer* an emblem of *Snow*,  
Whole forehead's well fronted with *brass*,  
Has now join'd the *high*, yet he's more with the *low*,  
Does he wear the cap of an *Afs*?

Does he, &c.

The three *Love-lane Brothers*, who stir in *Crewe's* cause,  
Shall last be produc'd in this class;  
Their gratitude sways, for a moment let's pause!  
To find out the *capital Afs*.

To find, &c.

Then let us, companions, be jovial and gay,  
To *Bootle* we'll take to'ther glass;  
All hearts here unite, and feel no dismay,  
Sure candidate *Jacky's* no *Afs*.

Sure candidate, &c.

# A S O N G.

COME all ye friends of *Gro'venor*,  
And all of *Wilbraham* too,  
Let's now unite with hearts upright,  
And down with *Jacky Crewe*.

We'll ne'er forsake our friends of old,  
As grateful sons and true;  
Our fathers' rules we'll firm uphold,  
And not be gull'd by *Crewe*.

The day is come, when faction strong,  
Wou'd form the law a-new;  
And charter'd grants as trash be flung,  
By *Fox's* friends and *Crewe*.

And now, my boys, to *Gro'venor's* fame,  
And *Wilbraham's*, also due;  
This glass goes round, and we'll resound,  
Away skulks *Johnny Crewe*!

The



The following are the PAPERS circulated by  
Mr. CREWE and his Friends :

No. I.

To the worthy and independent Freemen of the  
city of Chester :

Gentlemen,

**I** Cannot lose a moment in contradicting a report, which has been industriously circulated, that I have declined my intention of offering myself a candidate to represent you, should a dissolution of parliament take place.—Permit me to embrace the earliest opportunity of declaring, that I am too sensible of the high honour intended me (which, in the first instance, was wholly unsolicited on my part) to entertain the most distant intention of resigning such honourable hopes of becoming the object of your free and independent choice.

The preservation of the peace and harmony of the city has been my sole motive for declining to pay my personal respects to each of you individually—that, and that alone, will, I trust, be deemed a sufficient apology, for my conduct in this particular—It is, however, now become absolutely necessary to address you, in order to refute a rumour ungenerously calculated to prejudice me in your favourable estimation.

In the present critical situation of public affairs, it seems not improper to assure you, that I am totally unconnected with any party or individual—and that should I have the happiness to arrive at the height of my ambition—the honour of representing the ANCIENT CITY OF CHESTER, it shall be my constant and invariable study to discharge the great trust reposed in me with the utmost fidelity, and in such manner as shall appear most conducive to the welfare of my constituents.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your faithful and obedient servant,

J. CREWE.

Bolsworth-Castle, Tuesday mornng, Feb. 10, 1784.

No. II.

Friends and fellow citizens!

**T**HE moment is rapidly approaching, when your public virtue must be exerted to throw off the antiquated opinions of your ancestors; which, tho' perhaps once gratefully enough directed to the house of Eaton, are now, by the desertion of that house, become slavish and abject.

When

When their partialities were conceived, they were founded upon the constant hospitable residence of an opulent family at your door.

Their gates were open to the citizens!

There are—but they are hoary veterans indeed!—who remember the delicious flavour of the Eaton amber beer! a few too there yet remain, who have felt the welcome hand of Pigot distributing the ready rino amongst the shop-keepers of this long abandoned city—and whilst these obligations subsisted, none was so deserving of your suffrage as a branch of the house of Eaton.

But if, for thirty years past, those once hospitable gates have been barred against you!—if every shilling which your representatives have expended for themselves or their families during that, or a longer period still! has been laid out amongst strangers and aliens—if the increase of your trade (though a cruelly neglected opportunity of extending it has offered) has been obstructed by the very family from whose gratitude you had a right to expect, nay to command, its encouragement; and that from the paltry principle of keeping you poor, that you may be dependent—

PAUSE AND THINK!

Where is the claim upon you for your support, your votes, or your interest?

Yet, that resentment, whilst it is spirited and effectual, may not be extreme, elect, my friends, Mr. Crewe for one of your representatives, that the honour and independence of the city may be publicly vindicated; but, by leaving the other representative to an Eaton recommendation, preserve to yourselves a certain opportunity of comparing their man, with the man of your own choice.

March 26, 1784.

DEVANUS.

### No. III.

To the worthy and independent Freemen of the  
city of Chester:

Gentlemen,

**I**N answer to the questions, which were yesterday put to you, under the signature of "A Freeman," I beg leave to remind you, that he has, most assuredly, departed from the real merits of the approaching contest.—It is not, as he seems to wish you to believe,—Whether the conduct of your members has been exceptionable, either in their public or private characters? But the sole and plain question for you to determine, at this important crisis, is,—Whether the nomination of both members for this city, should remain in any one family, however respectable—or, whether the free and independent citizens at large, have not an undoubted right to the nomination of one?

Let me, therefore, entreat you, not to lose the present long-wished-for opportunity of vindicating your invaded right, by correcting the mistaken system under which your representatives have for some years been elected.

To prevent you, however, from the exertion of this undoubted right, you are now insidiously threatened with popular confusion—if you should any longer hesitate to comply with this Freeman's exhortations.

Permit



Permit me, then, in my turn, to ask, what reason or necessity is there, for even apprehending such consequences?

His earnest — gentlemen — permit me to foretel, is only the first soft specimen of the various attempts, which may, and undoubtedly will, be practised, in order to lull you, once more, into a septennial lethargy of, “peace and quietness,”—a consummation so devoutly to be wished for by your adversary.—Exert yourselves, then, my fellow citizens in so important a struggle—be firm, and you will certainly prevail.

It seems highly proper to remark, that Mr. Crewe does not, in any degree, mean, or even wish, to found his claim to your protection on the defects, if there be any, attributable to the conduct of his opponent—no, gentlemen, he disdains such an imputation, as well as any other tending to question his own loyalty, or political principles. To convince you, how futile and ungenerous such reflections are, the author of them undoubtedly will, if he respects his own reputation, inform us speedily with the facts on which he has ventured to draw such groundless and unmanly insinuations.

Remember then—that Mr. Crewe’s language and address to each of you on the present occasion, is “If you, free and independent citizens, see just reason to exert your undoubted right of returning me, as your representative, my best endeavours will ever be assiduously employed in the faithful discharge of so important a service.”

AN INDEPENDENT FREEMAN.

Saturday evening.

No. IV.

Chester, March 1784.

**T**HE friends of Mr. Crewe, desirous of taking up their freedom, are requested to attend at the Inner Pentice, exactly at o’clock, as Mr. Mayor will attend for that purpose,

No. V.

Sir,

**B**EING appointed one of the committee for conducting Mr. Crewe’s election, your company is earnestly desired to attend at the White-lion, at four o’clock to-morrow evening.

ROGER BARNSTON, Chairman.

Saturday evening.

No. VI.

To the worthy and independent Freemen of the city of Chester,

**T**HE generous encouragement I have met with during my canvass, merits my warmest acknowledgement, and promises the most flattering prospect of succeeding to the object of my ambition—the high honour of representing the ancient and loyal city of Chester.—Allow me, at the same time, to assure you, that it is my full intention to pay my respects to each of you in person, but should any omissions

omissions be made, I entreat you to attribute the same to accident—and not to want of attention.

I am, Gentlemen,

With the greatest respect,  
Your obliged, and most obedient servant,

Monday Morning.

JOHN CREWE.

No. VII.

**T**HE friends of Mr. Crewe, are requested to meet at White-lion, at nine o'clock to-morrow morning, to proceed on the general canvass of the city.  
Monday Evening.

No. VIII.

To the worthy and independent Freemen of the city of Chester.

Gentlemen,

**T**HE generous and very singular support and encouragement, which I have this day, again, met with, on my canvass, from your truly independent spirit, so seasonably exerted in the present struggle for your dearest rights and liberties,—demand the earliest acknowledgement of gratitude and respect, on my part.—If I shall be so fortunate, as eventually, to prove the object of your free choice, I trust, that you will find, in experience, that your confidence is not improperly placed in my hands.

After the repeated assurances, which I have already given you of my firm and inviolable attachment to our most gracious Sovereign, and the measures of his present ministers, I did not expect that I should be under the necessity of again publicly avowing the sincerity of those principles, and declaring that I am no Foxite, as has been insidiously reported.

I am, gentlemen,

With the greatest truth,

Your infinitely obliged, and most obedient servant,

Monday Night, 29th March.

JOHN CREWE.

No. IX.

31st March, 1784.

**P**ERMIT me, my independent fellow-freemen, to congratulate you on the singular, and even unlooked-for success which your candidate has met with on his canvass: a success from which you may draw the most flattering conclusions, with respect to the event of the glorious, the arduous contest in which you are engaged.

You cannot be too frequently reminded, that the political principles, or personal qualifications, of the late members, are not the ground of the present opposition. As the freemen of this city are necessarily distinguished by the descriptions of those who are attached to, or dependent upon, the Grosvenor family and the corporation, and those who are not; the only question is, whether the latter are of sufficient consequence to have a representative of their own, or whether they must acquiesce (however reluctantly) in the choice of the former? Let common sense and common equity decide.—Will any

any one maintain that there are not among us, men of as much importance and respectability, as among them? surely not.—I hope it will prove that we are also the more numerous body. If then they have any claim, hitherto unasserted, for keeping the choice of both representatives in their own hands, let them produce it, let them support it by fair argument.—But this, as it never has, so I am persuaded it never can be done. Why then do they grasp, with such inconsiderate and unjustifiable eagerness, at a privilege to which they have no equitable title? If we have been under obligations to the Grosvenor family, let us still continue to shew our gratitude, by electing one of that family: But let us not be compelled to give up the freedom of our choice, in order to gratify men to whom we cannot consider ourselves as under any obligations that demand so great a sacrifice. Nor let those who may have attachments and connections on both sides, be prevented from acting in conformity to them, but be allowed the opportunity of giving a vote to each.—This is our plan.—Let candour itself judge if it be not perfectly equitable, rational, and comprehensive.

Let me recommend moderation, as well as a manly firmness, thro' the course of the present struggle. Our cause is the cause of liberty and justice, and needs not the paltry aids of popular clamour, or illiberal invective. Let a generous, candid spirit mark all your proceeding, and then, be the event of the conflict what it may, you are sure to be gainers by it. I hope, and firmly believe, your endeavours will be crowned with the success they merit—but if not—the stand you have made in so glorious a cause, as it will entitle you to the gratitude, so it will be an example worthy the imitation of your latest posterity.

L I B E R.

#### No. X.

**M**R. Crewe's friends think it highly proper, at this time, to caution every independent freeman, respecting a manœuvre of his opponents; which, if executed, will hurt his cause most essentially; and that is, the soliciting votes for Mr. Crewe jointly with Mr. W. Bootle. Be therefore on your guard against such practice, and let it be impressed on the minds of Mr. Grosvenor's and Mr. Crewe's friends, that should the former have on the poll more votes than may be wanted, not to suffer or permit one of them to be transferred or turned over to Mr. W. Bootle; for in doing so they might perhaps fail to bring in Mr. Crewe, the great point for which they are now arduously and successfully contending. Thursday evening, April 1, 1784.

#### No. XI.

Brother Freemen,

**I**F I was engaged in either of the parties, at present contending for the honor of representing you in Parliament, I should not have leisure to attend to some disjointed paragraphs which this evening appeared, under the signature of Freeman; but being a quiet spectator only, I will trouble the public with a few observations on that truly classic performance, where illiberal language, commonplace jargon, and mistated facts, contend for the precedence.

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The first paragraph I am totally at a loss to comprehend, as I have seen no attempts whatever to impose on your understandings; *Liber* (which is perhaps the paper the polite and learned freeman alludes to) has stated the nature of the contest, clearly, concisely, and elegantly; and has, I doubt not, carried conviction to the breast of every impartial and independent man.

I shall observe on his second paragraph, that no one has ever called in question the riches or honesty of Mr. Wilbraham Bootle; and he may possibly be unexceptionable as the representative of this city, but it is contended, and I believe with the strictest truth, that he cannot have been said fairly ever to have represented it. That Mr. Bootle has made his stand on the Grosvenor interest, and by that interest only has been return'd to parliament, is a fact too notorious to be denied: he may rather have been called the representative of Eaton house, than of the city of Chester.

In the third and fourth paragraphs, the Freeman boasts much of the number of country gentlemen, who attended Mr. Grosvenor's canvass, but he has taken credit for some who were not there, and has omitted part of the cavalcade, which reflects the highest honor on his party. The Freeman's faculties seem to have been so much disturbed by his zeal, that he imagined Sir Roger Mostyn and Mr. Blackburne (one only passing through the town, and the other making it a point to remain at home) were both in Mr. Wilbraham's suite; and he mistook for the "voice of common justice crying aloud they merit your support," the voice of common strumpets, who filled one of the carriages in this doughty cavalcade, and indecently shewed themselves to the insulted citizens.

In answer to what the Freeman advances relative to Mr. Egerton of Oulton, I shall only oppose this simple fact, that Mr. Egerton promised a friend of Mr. Crewe's not to canvass against him on the present occasion.

The Freeman proceeds to speak loudly of the opposition given to Mr. Fox by your late members. I will beg to remind you, that one of them used his utmost endeavours to make the firm, virtuous Minister of the Crown, coalesce with Mr. Fox, and had that coalition taken place, let candour and common-sense determine, where the epithet of FOXITE would deservedly have been placed?

That the quiet of the town (as the Freeman observes) has been destroyed, I readily allow; but I affirm, most positively, that Mr. Grosvenor's friends set the example, and that the peace of the city is not actually restored, is owing to the indecent conduct of one of Mr. Bootle's friends, and a man, whose immediate duty it is to preserve it. Those gentlemen who were at the Pentice on Tuesday evening have already been beforehand with me, in naming—The Mayor.

The Freeman concludes with declaring the many are not to be intimidated by the few: Resolute Freeman I fear not—the friends of Mr. Crewe are no less remarkable for their peaceable and polite behaviour, than for their attachment to the King, and the freedom of the subject.

April 8th.

IDLER.

No. XII.

To the worthy and independent Freemen of the city of  
Chester,

**P**ERMIT me to take the earliest opportunity of repeating my thanks for the very great encouragement which I have experienced on my canvass of yesterday, from whence I cannot but entertain the fullest hope of succeeding to the object of my ambition—the high honor of representing the ancient and loyal city of Chester—Allow me, at the same time, to assure you, that it is my full intention to pay my respects to each of you in person: but should any omissions be made, I entreat you to attribute the same to accident, and not to want of attention.

I am, gentlemen,

With the greatest respect,

Your oblig'd, and most obedient servant,

Chester, saturday morning.

JOHN CREWE.

No. XIII.

To the Friends of Liberty.

**T**HE appearance of a separate letter of thanks, from one of the united candidates, for the success he has met with on his canvass, may possibly strike you as something peculiar; as also that it should be accompanied by a number of sentences signed "Freeman" (which seems to have forsaken its proper, concomitant word "Independent") by way of back or prop: both contain a lamentable complaint of the abuse that has been cast upon poor Mr. Bootle, by representing him as a tool to the Grosvenor family, and calling in question his wealth and honesty. Be these matters as they may, you will readily perceive that this is only laid hold of by his well-meaning, tho' mistaken friends, as an opportunity for saying something in his favour, which possibly they may now think particularly necessary. Our "Freeman" however, after all the parade about Mr. Bootle's independence, under the terrible apprehension of his losing his election, takes it for granted, that both he and his former colleague must turn out to make room for Mr. Crewe, (see his concluding paragraph) and unawares discovers how closely he considers their interests to be entwined—but let him dismiss his fears—we still mean to have two representatives, and have no objection to one being a Grosvenor.

Alas! for our opponents that Mr. Egerton has shewn no more than a "cold approbation of the present members," (pray who are they?) The sincerity of his good wishes would indeed have been proved, had he accompanied them with any injunctions to vote in their favour, or appeared personally in their support.—But why should we attempt to follow this writer thro' every part of his laboured address? why need we take any notice of his denominating our cause (that of liberty and free election) a Crewe cause? why comment upon the pitiful attempt to prejudice Mr. Crewe in your good opinion, because it happened that one of the same name voted with Mr. Fox? or why retort his charge of throwing the city into riot and confusion, for which they only have to answer who made an opposition necessary? The whole is a stale party-trick, more than once attempted without success, to draw away  
your

your attention from the real ground of the controversy, which they have been told again and again (but of that ear they are deaf) is only this:—Are the independent part of the freemen of this city worthy of having a representative of their own, or are they to be dictated to by the corporation?

To this point let their arguments be directed.—Here let them endeavour to prove we are in the wrong.—But they feel it to be the weak side of their cause, and on this ground they dare not—they know they dare not meet us!

Tell these assuming men that their principles are condemned, even by some of their own body, whose conduct, on the present occasion, will do them everlasting honour. Tell them that the charter did not constitute them your masters, but your servants, to guard your liberties from violation: that you feel your consequence as British electors, and are determined to support, with all the weight of that consequence, the man of your own choice, who has given a public and solemn declaration of his political principles, which are every whit as unexceptionable, as those of the other candidates, and possibly more so when you recollect that one of them was the man who first broke his long silence in the house to recommend a coalition with Mr. Fox, and afterwards took the lead in that business.

Be firm—be united—your cause can never disgrace you; the eyes of all the friends of freedom, in this kingdom, are directed towards you, to observe how you support it; and God forbid any of you should ever be a disgrace to your cause. Be on your guard against the designs and insinuations of your adversaries, who would lay a yoke upon you, which neither you, nor your fathers, were able to bear, and answer all their insidious arguments with these words,

*We will be free!*

#### No. XIV.

Friends, Freemen, Countrymen!

**N**OW or never is your time.—Let not the deceitful manners of youths, train'd early to the arts of corruption, steal from you your liberty—Spurn at the threats of old women and grey-beards, who endeavour to intimidate you by withdrawing their custom—Nature will scarce allow of their continuing it a twelvemonth.—Seek not luxuries at the price of slavery: Let the bread you eat be eat in liberty, and you must be happy. Now or never, assert your own rights, and those of Crewe, liberty, and independence. I am  
A F R E E M A N.

#### No. XV.

To Philip Egerton, of Oulton-park, Esq.

**S I R,**  
**Y**OUR advertisement dated Oulton-Park, April 3d, 1784, as a Freeman and an Englishman, I beg leave to return you my thanks for, and the thanks of every independent man of this city: it breathes the true spirit of British liberty; it is the very essence of freedom, and reflects the highest honor on your heart and principles.

It would be vain to attempt concealing from your penetration, that in an age like the present, interest will a little warp the minds  
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of some. And that a man of your great possessions, living so near, must have many in this city dependent on you in some degree, for the comforts of life, is beyond a doubt. These had been tampered with by the late members' friends, and your displeasure was threatened if they supported Mr. Crewe. But the declaration, that you wish them to remain free and unbiassed by any motive of interest in their choice of a representative, has restored that natural independence of spirit, inherent in the heart of every true Englishman, and I doubt not you will soon hear your friendly wishes are fulfilled, "That this city may enjoy the greatest prosperity," for to be free is to be prosperous.

I am, sir, with profound respect,

Your most obedient, and most humble servant,

Sunday Evening, April 4.

I D L E R.

### XVI.

To the friends in the cause of liberty and the rights of the city of Chester.

**I**T is thought proper once more to caution you against the plan which is hourly practising to gain your votes for Bootle and Crewe. This, and this alone, is what will defeat your purpose of choosing your own representative, and what you must strictly guard against. It is a practice which your own good sense will lead you to perceive, and by your resolutions to keep firm in the interest of Crewe, independent of Bootle, you will not fail to be successful.

Now or never is the time, and if you lose this opportunity, another may never be offered you again.

Monday, 5th of April.

### No. XVII.

To the independent freemen of the city of Chester.

**F**ROM the venal tribe of dependents, and from those who have been long nurtured in the habits of servility and submission, the noble cause of freedom hath nothing to expect; nor do we wonder to see such persons flock together at the whistling of a name. But what shall we say to those independent citizens (for some such there are) who in this important struggle, to recover their ancient rights, inconsiderately throw their weight into the opposite scale! On them we again call with the most friendly voice and earnest entreaties, to consider what they are doing before it be too late. How can you, in so plain a case, mistake your own interest? Have you a spark of liberty in your breasts, and can you say, "We renounce, for ever, the right of election, we leave it to the superior wisdom of the Grosvenor family to appoint two representatives for us!" Why will you with your own hands rivet those chains, which by the generous interposition of Mr. Crewe, you have now a fair opportunity of shaking off? Think again and again of the importance of your vote before you give it; yea, when you approach the hustings, in the last moment of deliberation, ask yourself, "Shall I this day part with my dearest franchise, to gratify the exorbitant ambition of one family, or shall I join my independent fellow freemen in shaking off the yoke of a long servitude?" Much will depend upon the issue of the present contest. Should this great struggle prove unsuccessful for want of your support (which God forbid)

we may then take a long leave of liberty and freedom in this city; nothing will remain for us but to bow down our reluctant necks, under the ignominious yoke that will be imposed upon us, and to offer up our fervent supplications that all our future rulers and governors in the Grosvenor family may be endued with the wisdom, which we have not in ourselves, of chusing proper representatives for us. But is there one independent man in this city, mean enough to submit, without a struggle, to such vassalage as this? Oh, ye virtuous citizens! persevere firmly, and to the end, in this arduous conflict. May every honest, independent freeman support you, and may heaven crown your virtuous cause with the success it merits.

April 5.

A M I C U S.

### XVIII.

To the worthy and independent Freemen of the city of Chester,

**T**HE very generous, steady, and uniform support, which I have met with from your voices on the poll this day, demands from me the earliest and warmest acknowledgements of gratitude and regard.—If your efforts in vindication of your long-neglected, but just, rights and privileges are continued in the same manner in which they have already been exerted, they cannot fail of being successful, and I shall have the high honour of sitting in parliament the representative of a free city. My obligations to you are already infinitely great, and I shall be happy in every opportunity of shewing you how sincerely I am,

Your faithful and obliged,

And most devoted servant,

J. CREWE.

Chester, April 5, 1784.

### No. XIX.

**T**HE friends of Mr. Crewe, who intend to take up their freedom, are requested to attend at the Pentice this morning at nine o'clock, at which time the Mayor will be present to proceed upon that business, and will continue to attend every day until the poll shall be closed; and all persons who have offered themselves to be made free, and whose cases were reserved for further consideration, are desired to give in their names, trades, and places of abode, at the White-lion, this evening, in order that they may be sent to when wanted.

April 6, 1784.

### No. XX.

To the P U B L I C.

**I**N order to refute the malicious accusation which was yesterday brought against Mr. Thomas Moulson, by John Davies, and Richard Jones, the following affidavits are submitted to your consideration, from whence it is not doubted but that Mr. Moulson's character will be sufficiently cleared from the slander so audaciously attempted to be cast upon it.

THOMAS

THOMAS MOULSON, of the city of Chester, merchant, maketh oath, and saith, that this deponent was in company with John Davies, James Meakin, and James Fitzgerald, all of the said city, pipemakers, and Charles M'Cans, of the same city, cabinet-maker, at the White-Lion, on Saturday the 3d of April instant, between the hours of six and seven o'clock in the evening, and saith, that he this deponent neither at such interview, or at any other time or place whatever, made any such offer or proposal, to bribe, or influence his (the said John Davis's) vote at the present election, by any promise of money, or payment of rent (as most falsely and maliciously stated in the joint affidavits of the said John Davis, and Richard Jones, bearing date the seventh day of April instant, yesterday published, and now in circulation) or otherwise howsoever.

Sworn at the city of Chester, the 8th day of April, 1784.

Thomas Amery, Mayor.

THOMAS MOULSON.

[Here follow the affidavits of Charles M'Cans, James Meakin, and James Fitzgerald aforesaid, all tending to corroborate the foregoing one.]

#### No. XXI.

IN consequence of a meeting held this evening at the Mayor's house, the friends of all the candidates, lamenting the serious riots and disturbances that prevailed this morning; and being determined, as far as lies in their power, jointly, to prevent a repetition of them, beg leave most earnestly to recommend to all their friends, and all who wish to promote the welfare of this city, to use their utmost endeavours to preserve peace and order, in future, during this election; as the like confusion must be equally injurious to the interest of all parties,

T. Grosvenor, for Mr. Grosvenor.

Rd. Crewe, for Mr. John Crewe.

Randle Ford, for Mr. Wilbraham Bootle.

Chester, April 8th, 1784.

#### No. XXII.

To the independent Freemen of the city of Chester.

THE writer of a paper under the signature of an Englishman, still forces Mr. Bootle upon you, by the powerful, but antiquated plea of opulence and independence. He has been often told, but to little purpose, that the objection is not to Mr. Bootle either as a citizen or a senator, but to the arbitrary manner in which he was first introduced, and has all along been supported, without any regard paid to the sentiments of the numerous and independent freemen of this city, in whom the natural right of election lies, and which right is of little value without the free exercise of it. This is the light in which the friends of freedom view the present contest: and it is this that gives it all its importance. But this is too strong a light for the tender eyes of our Englishman to bear, he therefore meanly turns away from it. Tell him of the natural rights of electors, and he will boast for ever of the qualifications of his candidates, and so keep the main question continually out of sight. But do you keep your eyes upon it, nor ever suffer your regard for a character, however pure and perfect, to divert



divert you from claiming your unalienable right. The plain truth is, the citizens of Chester are thoroughly convinced that there is an all-controlling power which disposes of the representation, pulling down one, and setting up another, as it pleases. This power has been so long exercised, and so long submitted to, that any opposition to it is now considered as little less than a rebellion of the citizens against a lawful authority. This is the evil which hath been so long complained of, and so reluctantly borne, and which hath, at length, produced the present severe contest.

Come then ye lovers of freedom, join its glorious standard; consider the inestimable value of the prize for which you contend; seize the precious opportunity of breaking the yoke of the oppressor, and of recovering your long-lost liberties; should you, at this important crisis, big with the fate of your city, appear indifferent to the glorious cause, who will hereafter stand forth in defence of your injured rights? Or who will even deign to pity the miserable bondage in which you will be held?

A M I C U S.

### No. XXIII.

Queries addressed to those whom they may concern.

Queries to the Mayor.

**H**AS not the Exchange, the property of the citizens at large, and even the court of Justice there, been prostituted to the base purpose of confining electors under lock and key, and disgrac'd by scenes of the most excessive riot, drunkenness, and obscenity, and has not this been done merely to serve a party?

Has not the chief magistrate when actually in that chair, which is called the seat of justice, been accused by a respectable freeman, of having declared that he would use his utmost endeavours to hurt Mr. Crewe's party? that is the friends of the independence of Chester.

Strange to tell! has he not kept his word?

Has the Mayor dared to prosecute the freeman who brought this charge against him?

Is not the duty of the chief magistrate to preserve the peace?

Did our present worthy Mayor ever forget his duty?

Have not many been refused their freedom as the friends of Mr. Crewe, and admitted to it afterwards as the friends of Mr. Grosvenor?

Queries to the Recorder, as a Lawyer.

Is it not a first principle of the constitution, that representatives in parliament should be elected by the unbiassed suffrages of the people?

Is it not equally illegal to influence the mind of a voter by threatening to take from him what he has, as by offering to give him what he has not?

Is not the confinement of electors under lock and key till they have given their votes repugnant to the principles of liberty, and utterly subversive of the freedom of election?

Is it not of the essence of all judicial proceedings that those who are to decide a question, should have no interest in the decision?

Is it decent for an elector (who has not given his vote) voluntarily to place himself in the situation of a judge to decide upon the elective franchises of his fellow citizens?

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May not the vote of such a judge become more or less important, according as he shall decide upon the votes of others?

If so, can the decision of such a judge be called impartial?

Query to certain individuals.

Has not every member of the corporation (a few worthy and independent gentlemen excepted) endeavoured to obtain votes by threats?

Unequivocal answers to the above questions, will plainly shew on what principles the members for the city of Chester have hitherto been returned. They will fully prove by what spirit Mr. Crewe's opponents are actuated in the present contest, and that nothing less than the absolute and unconditional submission of every individual freeman of Chester, will satisfy the imperious and domineering temper of a tyrannic corporation. I shall conclude nearly in the language of Otway,

—All that bear this are slaves,

"Now then rouse up at the great call of nature,

"And check the growth of these domestick spoilers,

"Who make us slaves, and tell us "'tis our charter."

PIERRE.

#### No. XXIV.

To the independent Freemen of Chester.

THE friends of Mr. Crewe, and of the freedom and independence of the city of Chester, beg leave to return their sincere thanks and acknowledgments to the worthy and independent freemen of this ancient and loyal city, for the very honorable testimony which they have given of their regard and attachment to Mr. Crewe, and to submit to their consideration the state of the poll, which the friends of Mr. Crewe trust the free and independent citizens of Chester will agree with them in thinking, not only highly flattering to Mr. Crewe, but affording to them the most assured and certain evidence of success.

Friday evening.

Mr. Grosvenor	243
Mr. Crewe	234
Mr. Bootle	232

#### XXV.

To the independent Freemen of the city of Chester:

THE Friends of Mr. Crewe, and of the freedom and independence of the city of Chester, beg leave to return their sincere thanks and acknowledgements to the worthy and independent freemen of this ancient and loyal city, for the very honourable testimony which they have given of their regard and attachment to Mr. Crewe, and to submit to their consideration the state of the poll, which the friends of Mr. Crewe trust the free and independent citizens of Chester will agree with them in thinking, not only highly flattering to Mr. Crewe, but affording to them the most assured and certain evidence of success.

Saturday evening.

Mr. Grosvenor	323
Mr. Crewe	295
Mr. Bootle	290

## No. XXVI.

To the worthy and independent Freemen of the  
city of Chester :

**T**HE committee for managing Mr. Crewe's Election, return  
their warmest thanks for the support he has hitherto received.  
The same firmness in those who have yet a legal title to vote, must  
insure success.

The attendance of every well-wisher to Mr. Crewe, and the  
cause in which he is so nobly engaged, is requested at the White-  
lion, to-morrow morning at half past nine o'clock, to proceed from  
thence to the hustings,

April 13, 1784.

State of the poll this evening.

Mr. Grosvenor	—	459
Mr. Crewe	—	389
Mr. Bootle	—	392

## No. XXVII.

## TO AN ENGLISHMAN.

Sir,

**I** DID not see a paper which you have done me the honour of  
personally addressing to me till very lately, and this is my apology  
for not taking earlier notice of it. You pretend not to understand  
what I mean by the natural rights of electors, or rather you can-  
didly suppose I have no meaning at all. I must therefore tell you,  
Sir, in as plain words as I can use, that my meaning was to ani-  
mate the independent freemen of Chester, to exert their united  
powers in support of Mr. Crewe, who has generously stood forth  
in defence of their injured rights, without at all regarding the me-  
rits of Mr. Bootle, who was brought in and kept in by that power  
which has been so long inimical to their liberties. You ask, "can  
I prove that the right of election has been denied to, or suppressed  
from, the freemen of Chester?" The usual and empty forms have,  
no doubt, been observed; but hath not the elective mandate come  
forth, enforced by that strong hand of power, which no ordinary  
opposition could resist? You ask again, "who chose the late mem-  
bers?" Must it not be the same power which, under the same forms,  
hath uniformly and in effect nominated members for a long course of  
years? And now, Sir, allow me in turn to ask a few questions.  
Was it ever known that the corporation of Chester rejected or  
disputed the nomination of members by the power alluded to?  
Does this look like freedom in that body? Does it not rather look  
very like a habit of submission to that power, a suggestion at which  
your spirit lately revolted. And does not this habit of submission  
reduce the opulent and respectable city of Chester to a level, in  
point of representation, with an insignificant Cornish borough?—  
Is any thing so difficult to conquer as the independence of the  
mind? Is it to be supposed that such a numerous and respectable  
body of freemen as the present contest hath called forth should,  
without frequent and hard struggles, endure to be kept in a state of  
abasement, without ever having one representative that they can  
call their own? Should it be the lot of this ill-fated city to con-  
tinue some time longer in a state of bondage, can it be thought  
that the noble and generous spirit of freedom, which hath ap-  
peared on this occasion, will not revive in our breasts on the first

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favourable opportunity? Is it not even certain that if Mr. Crewe had the voices of all those whose hearts are with him the present election would not have been so tedious a one? And do not the violent threats that have been thrown out, on this occasion, to deter the freemen from following their conviction and judgement clearly prove that the people strongly incline to the side of liberty?—The only question I shall presume farther to trouble you with is this: whether you do not think it would greatly increase the respectability and real influence of the house of Eaton if, instead of these violent contests for the whole representation, they would, without interference, suffer the free citizens of Chester, to elect one representative for themselves, as is the case in some other cities which have a noble family in their vicinity? Who knows but in time they might abuse both their representatives out of this family? It is certain no influence is so commanding as that of mildness and moderation, and Englishmen never do things so liberally as when they do them freely.

The terms in which you speak of the gentlemen who support the interest of Mr. Crewe are much too contemptuous to do you any credit, or them any harm: whether they are the insignificant persons you wish to represent them, let the length and obstinacy of the present contest declare, “coffee-house committees” “would-be great men,” &c. are very unhandsome and uncandid expressions, and calculated only to irritate and abuse. It would be easy to mention many on your side who have given themselves sufficient, and more than sufficient importance on the present occasion, but instead of recriminating, I would rather conclude with sincerely wishing, that when this sharp contest is over, we may all soon return to our old habits of good neighbourhood and good-humour, which have rendered our past intercourse with each other so agreeable and pleasant.

A M I C U S,

April 14.

### No. XXVIII.

To the worthy and independent Freemen of the city of Chester.

**N**Otwithstanding the event of the late poll, I should be unworthy of the good opinion with which my friends have honor'd me, if I did not in the most cordial manner, express to them my sincere acknowledgements. It was not in their power to prevent the effects which have arisen from the broken promises of pretended friends, and from the threats of a body of men, who (a few worthy individuals excepted) seem determined to maintain, by all means, that absolute controul which they have too long usurp'd over their fellow citizens.

If all my efforts prove ineffectual, and I am obliged ultimately to remain in the situation of a private citizen, I shall still, as far as my limited abilities will admit, endeavour to promote the prosperity of the city of Chester. Being, gentlemen, with the greatest gratitude and respect,

Your most obedient humble servant,

JOHN CREWE.

## No. XXIX.

The following Paper, which was circulated at the Close of the Contest, is not inserted here as a Party one;—it appearing to us not particularly attach'd to either Side of the Question.

Chester, April 19, 1784.

LOST during the course of the last Three Weeks,

**T**HE CONSCIENCES of the principal part of the Innkeepers, Publicans, and Persons employed to dispose of favours in this City.—Any person having found the same, or giving intelligence, (so that they may be recovered) to the three late candidates, shall be handsomely rewarded and receive the thanks of every man of common honesty.

N. B. The above Consciences, which have never been much celebrated for their soundness, it is supposed have strayed away with the large and extensive Billis now issuing here.

## An extempore S O N G.

Tune, *At the sign of the horse,*

**S**INCE now I am free, contented I'll be  
O'er Pen-maur's rude summit barefooted to go;  
Or drench'd in the rain on Saltney plain,  
Or left without clothes on the Forest in snow.  
The man that is free, blithe and jocund will be,  
But the wretched in bonds we ever shall find,  
When we think at our ease, and reflect as we please,  
Sweet Liberty dwells undisturb'd in the mind.  
The cause being gain'd, and freedom maintain'd,  
Let passion subside, animosity cease;  
Lol banishing far, each tumult and jar,  
Unanimity comes, sweet handmaid of peace.  
Ye freemen so stout, pass the bottle about,  
And your voices raise high to a patriot toast,  
" May Grov'nor and Crewe to their constituents be true,  
And Chester hence blest independency boast."

A new S O N G, call'd, *Freedom Triumphant.*

**C**OME attend my good fellows, and listen to me,  
As we're freemen by name, so in fact we'll be free;  
My Lord too shall find, though he storm and he frown,  
This city's no borough he can call his own.

*Fol de rol de rol lol,*

Tho' th' Aldermen join, and are back'd by the Mayor,  
Who our liberties barter for ven'son and hare,  
We've a man of our, to our interest true,  
Huzza, then, for England, for freedom and Crewe.

*Fol de rol, &c.*

Says Bootle to Amery, " come join you with us,  
" And what tho' the freemen may swear and may curse;  
" Such three corporations they ne'er can withstand,"  
But we'll move greater weights for the good of the land.

*Fol de rol, &c.*

Come then, brother freemen, and fill up your glass,  
And with unanimity let the toast pass,  
He's the man of our own, to our interest true,  
Here's success to Old England, to freedom and Crewe.

*Fol de rol, &c.*

[To

[To the following Lines is prefix'd the Figure of a Man, having a Watchman's Coat on; in his Hat a Favour; in his right Hand a Staff; and in his left, a Pair of Scales (the Emblem of Justice) in one Scale the Words *Partiality*, *Undue Influence*, and *Slavery*; in the other, the Word *Liberty*; the three first of which preponderate the Beam.—This allegorical Representation of the Weakness of *Liberty* may be subject to this Construction, i. e. From the *Lightness* and *Volatility* of the Word, it is—(as in *this Case*)—too often merely AIR !]

## A New S O N G.

To the tune of, *Wilkes and Liberty*.

COME all you friends of Liberty, and join with me in Song O,  
I'll tell you true, how Johnny C. doth bear the sway along-O;  
His cause is just, and ever must, his friends fast to him hold-O,  
Therefore ne'er flinch, nor give an inch, be ever firm and bold-O.  
Fair Justice here hath chang'd her shape, and stalks in masquerade-O,  
Sometimes in scarlet gown she struts, and goes in great parade-O;  
With fair round belly, shining face, and curl'd wig, O rare-O.  
You'd ne'er find out the goddess bright, tho' e'er so close you stare-O,  
With shameful partiality, this shadow strives amain-O  
To pull down liberty and Crewe, and all his loyal train-O;  
But he will find, with all his kind, we'll give them the go-by-O,  
Therefore by me, shall christen'd be, wise justice Aim-awry-O.  
The cause that can't by justice stand, without the aid of falsehood,  
Will never find support from Crewe, or any he of manhood;  
Then stand or fall, let one and all, act fairly, and with candour,  
Then if you lose, who can abuse, or wag the tongue of slander.

[A very curious wooden Print prefaces the following Song, viz. The Figure of a Bottle inverted, with the Word *Empty* above and *Bottle* beneath; also an ingenious Drawing of a human Face, intended as a formidable Likeness of Mr. Bootle, shedding Tears for the double Loss of his Seat and his Money!—Whatever Ability the Author may have in *Design*, he certainly is no *Prophet*; otherwise he could not have given Birth to a Caricature that may now be so aptly applied to his own *Side of the Question*!]

## Liberty Triumphant. A New S O N G.

Tune, *All ye Ladies now at land*.

SAY Bootle wherefore drops that tear,  
What sorrow fills your breast,  
Some strange calamity I hear,  
Deprives your soul of rest;  
Ah me! I have full cause to moan.  
My seat I lose, my money's gone.

Fal lal lal la.

Though partial Amery hates our cause,  
Though Br——ll swears and lies,  
Though —— he perverts the laws,  
Fair truth such art defies;  
For we'll be ever firm and true,  
We'll vote for thee thou honest Crewe.

Fal lal lal la.

Hail patriot Crewe, whose gen'rous breast,  
With freedom's fire glows,  
On thee our future hopes we rest,

With

*Bramwell -*



With thee our hearts repose ;  
 Take, take us we are ever true,  
 We'll live and die and vote with Crewe:  
 Fal-lal-lal-lal.

A New S O N G.

**Y**E sons of freedom list to me,  
 Ne'er heed the threats of blust'ring Leigh,  
 But still determine to be free,  
 My gallant sons of Chester :  
 Submit no longer to the yoke,  
 Your fetters let them now be broke,  
 Your town shall be no more the joke  
 Of those who once oppress'd her.

What tho' the corporation join,  
 To make you slaves they all combine,  
 That they at Eaton-hall may dine,  
 And drink his Lordship's claret :  
 To fill their paunch, their sole delight,  
 A haunch of ven'son ! glorious fight !  
 For this they'd sell their own birth-right :  
 'Tis bribery, I'll swear it !

Be ye no longer made the fools  
 Of Lords, their creatures and their tools ;  
 Their power no longer Chester rules,  
 Thanks to the dissolution :  
 To Freedom's cause then ever true,  
 Let's give our votes to honest Crewe ;  
 He and his friends are sure true blue,  
 Staunch friends of constitution.

A New S O N G.

At this time to be sung by free-hearted JACKS, on board the  
 good ship CHESTER, along-side the Crane.

**H**ASTE on board ev'ry tar,  
 To your frigate repair,  
 For the CHESTER's a ship whose bottom is true :  
 She's now under way,  
 For Parli'ment Bay,  
 Commanded by Gro'v'nor and stout-hearted Crewe:  
 Clap the Helm hard a-weather,  
 Eale the sheets off together,  
 And briskly the braces round-in too, my boys ;  
 See she bears up apace,  
 Overhauling a chace,  
 Where on board seems dismay, confusion, and noise.  
 Surely great are our fears,  
 So d—d wildly she steers,  
 While steadily, steadily we fly along ;  
 Now brought by the Lee,  
 She's o'erfet with the sea,  
 And lost is the Bootle, the Quicksands among.

A New

A New SONG, to the Tune of *Princess Royal*.

COME loyal freemen join with me,  
 Lift up your hearts with melody,  
 Since we the happy day do see  
 Our foes we have defeated;  
 See how the punch and wine do fly,  
 For freedom and for loyalty,  
 Each freeman's heart is fill'd with joy,  
 Whilst our foe before us bow,  
 And their hearts are fill'd with woe,  
 Let Crewe's name be repeated.  
 Bold Crewe he does desire our vote,  
 And all his actions are discreet,  
 May he with lasting praises meet,  
 And shine in future story;  
 May he always our rights maintain,  
 And be the glory of the same,  
 And o'er our foe the conquest gain,  
 Whilst our foe before us bow,  
 And their hearts are fill'd with woe,  
 May he be crown'd with glory.  
 May ev'ry loyal Chester soul,  
 When he's enjoying of his bowl,  
 Drink Crewe's health without controul,  
 His actions are so clever;  
 And ~~may~~ he long on earth remain,  
 The freemen's rights for to maintain,  
 And wishing he the chair may gain;  
 He's our roast, whilst they boast,  
 The opposite party be the roast,  
 May Crewe's name live for ever.

A New SONG, to the old Tune of "*Cheer up my Lads.*"

COME cheer up my lads, 'tis to freedom we steer,  
 We scorn'd to be govern'd by any proud Peer;  
 Then join all good fellows, to liberty true,  
 Join your hearts, hands, and voice, in support of a Crewe.  
 For firm all our hearts are, and fix'd is our voice;  
 We always are ready,  
 Steady, boys, steady,  
 And now having made it, we'll stick to our choice.  
 There's R—ll still keeps shouting and swearing amain,  
 And thinks by blackguarding our votes he shall gain;  
 But some grains of allowance for him may be made,  
 As he's lately bound to the gentleman's trade.  
 When you come to the poll, master R—ll, *belm's a Lee*,  
 Tho' you bully and bluster  
 You'll find we can muster  
 Good fellows sufficient to make us all free.  
 Tho' Bootle's supported by Am'ry the mayor,  
 And young Grosvenor assists, like the *Lilly so fair*,  
 Tho' the aldermen join him, he surely will rue  
 Opposition to justice, to freedom, and Crewe.  
 For firm all our hearts are, and fix'd is our voice;  
 We always are ready,  
 Steady, boys, steady,

And now having made it, we'll stick to our choice.

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